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Above: The goal that won Tottenham the FA Cup for the second year running. Glenn wheels away after scoring from the spot against Q.P.R.

White Hart Lane goes mad as Glenn gives that famous Hoddle salute after scoring one of his Spurs specials. Now his talents will be on show to the Continental fans.

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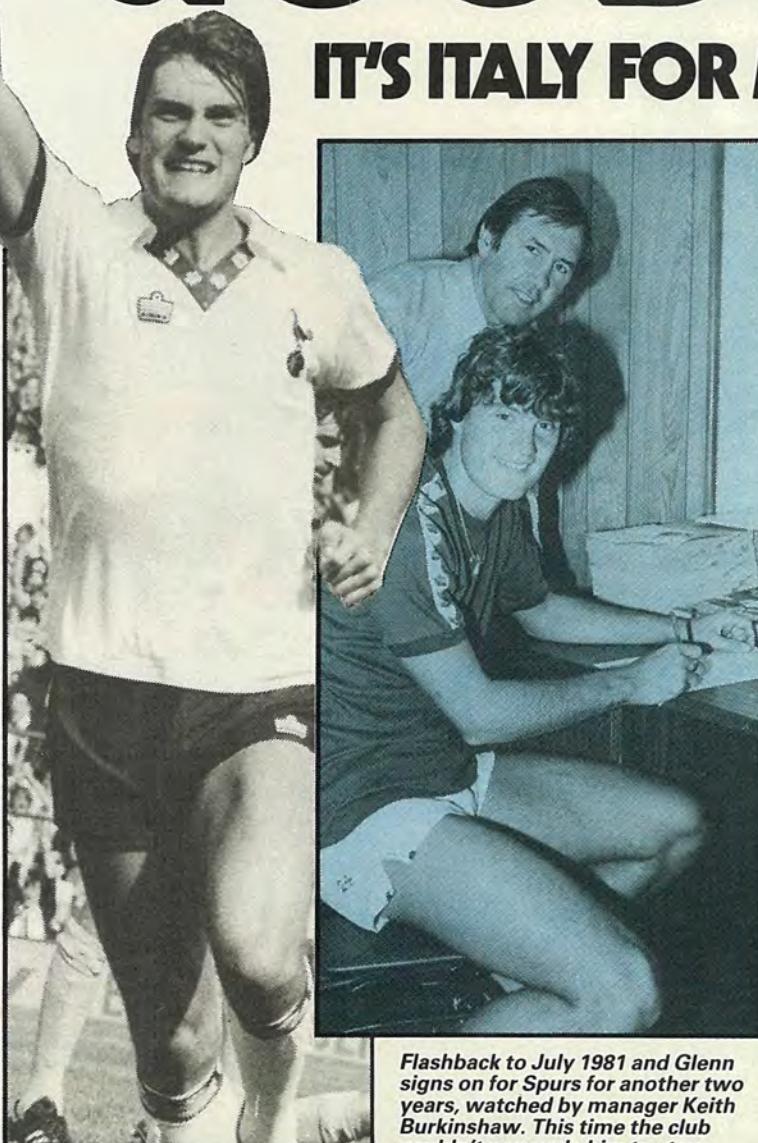
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**FRONT COVER:** Willie Donachie  
(left) and Steve Lynex in action in  
the 0-0 draw which won Leicester  
promotion and doomed Burnley  
to the drop.

# GOODBYE

## IT'S ITALY FOR ME — BUT MY



Flashback to July 1981 and Glenn signs on for Spurs for another two years, watched by manager Keith Burkinshaw. This time the club couldn't persuade him to stay . . .

MY mind is made up. I'm leaving England to play abroad. But I'll be back . . . and hopefully wearing the famous white shirt of Tottenham once again.

Spurs will always be the number one club for me. I would never play for anyone else in this country.

And I would like it written in my new contract — wherever it may be I finish up — that Spurs will have the first option of buying me when I return to England.

Naturally it was a very difficult decision to leave after so many fabulous years at White Hart Lane, but there comes a time in everyone's life when you need a change and a new challenge.

I have considered playing on the Continent twice in the past — two and four years ago — but I was never 100 per cent certain that the time was right.

Now I feel I am more mature and better equipped to handle such a move and fulfil an ambition I've had for a number of years.

At the time of writing I don't know who I will be playing for next season. I'm considering all offers that come along.

Preferably I would like to play in Italy, but I've got an open mind and haven't ruled out the possibility of a move to Spain or Germany.

• I will never forget how the crowd chanted my name and asked me not to leave. •

The only certain thing is that I won't be signing for another English club.

That's an indication of how much I love Spurs and the supporters who have been marvellous to me ever since I played my first game eight years ago.

My first full game was against Stoke and ironically it was against the Potteries side that I played my last.

It was the final match of last season at White Hart Lane and although I had not publicly revealed my intention, I knew deep down inside that it would be my last game in a Spurs shirt . . . for a few years at least.

It was a very emotional



Left: Flashback to 1981 and it's Tottenham's Cup. Glenn gives Garry Brooke a hug as Milija Alekovic looks on.

Cheers fans. Glenn salutes the Tottenham supporters after Spurs had drawn with Manchester City in the first match of the 1981 FA Cup Final.

# GLENN

## HEART BELONGS TO SPURS

afternoon and I will never forget how the crowd chanted my name and asked me not to leave.

After the final whistle all the players began to exchange shirts but there was no way I was going to give mine away.

In the dressing room all the lads were in jubilant mood because we had just qualified for Europe, but I sat alone in a corner and shed a few tears.

It was difficult to believe that I would be leaving the club after so long. I have been associated with Spurs since I was 11 years old and supported them as a kid before that.

But when I signed a two-year contract at the end of the 1980/81 season, I said then I would be leaving when it expired.

Spurs offered me a fabulous one-year contract to stay at White Hart Lane, but my mind was made up.

I have thought long and hard about the decision and both I, and my wife Anne, believe it's the right one.

It will be a great challenge. Not only will I have to learn to play in a new arena, but I will have to learn a new language and adapt to a different life style.

I have spoken on several occasions to Trevor Francis and Liam Brady, who are both playing in Italy, and they believe the Italian style of play will suit me down to the ground.

I won't know until I try it but Trevor and Liam seem to have gained from their experience and I think playing on the continent, where the pace is slower, will improve my game.

Some people seem to think that

playing abroad could hamper my international career. But I disagree . . . it certainly hasn't done Trevor Francis any harm.

And in the past Kevin Keegan and Tony Woodcock played in Germany, but were still picked to play for England, so why should I be any different.

There is no way I will sign for a foreign club, which would not be prepared to release me for internationals. I will want something written in my contract.

On the England front, I was delighted to be recalled by Bobby Robson for the British Championship and to be picked for the game against Northern Ireland and then the 'big one' against Scotland at Wembley.

I sat alone in a corner and shed a few tears.

It was great to be involved with the national squad again after a season when I had been plagued by injury.

I missed more games last season than ever before during my career and it was very disappointing and frustrating sitting on the sidelines.

But in my last year at the club it was nice to get back in action towards the end of the campaign and give the fans a glimpse of the real Glenn Hoddle.

When I came back from injury before, I was never really 100 per cent fit and didn't do myself justice in the few games I played.

But manager Keith Burkinshaw and his assistant Peter Shreeves made sure I was fully recovered before returning to the side

following my ankle injury and it showed in my performances.

I felt I was getting back to something like my best and was delighted to be able to help Spurs clinch a place in Europe next season.

The biggest disappointment last season, other than my injuries, was being knocked out of the FA Cup by Everton, when we were bidding to win the trophy for the third successive year.

It would have been a marvellous way to end my spell with Spurs, by playing in another Wembley final.

But I will be taking many good memories with me when I go abroad and in particular the two FA Cup triumphs, which must rate as the highlights of my career so far.

I will never forget my days at Spurs, and who knows, after two, or three years abroad I may again be playing for the best club in Britain.

Glenn Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle was talking to Dave Smith.

Penny for your thoughts! Glenn stands on the terraces of White Hart Lane where he once stood as a young fan.



LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB has produced some of the greatest teams soccer has ever known and now 'Match' gives you the chance to re-live some of their incredible title-winning seasons — in pictures and through the eyes of some of the greatest players ever to grace Anfield.

This week reporter Dave Smith looks back on season 1972-73... and talks to former Anfield favourite Tommy Smith.

# The Anfield



Action from the 1971 FA Cup Final as Arsenal goalkeeper Bob Wilson and defender Frank McLintock combine to thwart Liverpool's John Toshack. The 'Reds' lost 2-1 but it was to prove a blessing in disguise.

## MATCHWINNERS

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THIS was the year that set Liverpool back on the glory trail.

After six lean years the Anfield boardroom was once again gleaming with silverware.

Under the guidance of Bill Shankly, Liverpool became the first English team to win the League Championship and a European trophy in the same season.

It heralded the start of a new chapter in the Anfield success story and began the avalanche of titles which were to come the way of the Merseyside giants.

The captain of that history making side was Tommy Smith, who believes the turning point came at the end of the 1970/71 season.

Says the one-time Liverpool 'iron man': "We had gone a long time without winning anything, but when we reached the Final of the FA Cup in 1971 — only to lose to Arsenal — everyone felt we were on the way back.

"A lot of changes were being made at the club. Great names of the past, such as Roger Hunt, and Geoff Strong and Ron Yeats, were on their way out and a host of younger players were brought in to replace them.

"Bill Shankly had kept faith with the same players for a number of years, but at the end of the 1971/72 season he realised changes had to be made and that's exactly what he did.

"Young lads, who had been waiting in the wings, suddenly emerged and the team seemed to knit together immediately as though nothing had happened.

## How the Championship was won

Date	Opponents	Scorers	Att.
Aug 12 (h)	Man. City	2-0 (Hall, Callaghan)	55,383
Aug 15 (h)	Man. Utd	2-0 (Toshack, Heighway)	54,779
Aug 19 (a)	C. Palace	1-1 (Hughes)	30,054
Aug 23 (a)	Chelsea	2-1 (Toshack, Callaghan)	35,375
Aug 26 (h)	West Ham	3-2 (Toshack, Ferguson og, Hughes)	50,491
Aug 30 (a)	Leicester	2-3 (Toshack 2)	28,694
Sept 2 (a)	Derby	1-2 (Toshack)	32,524
Sept 9 (h)	Wolves	4-2 (Hughes, Cormack, Smith pen., Keegan)	43,386
Sept 16 (a)	Arsenal	0-0	36,625
Sept 23 (h)	Sheff. Utd	5-0 (Boersma, Lindsay, Heighway, Cormack, Keegan pen.)	47,597
Sept 30 (a)	Leeds	2-1 (Lloyd, Boersma)	42,940
Oct 7 (h)	Everton	1-0 (Cormack)	46,468
Oct 14 (a)	Southampton	1-1 (Lawler)	55,975
Oct 21 (h)	Stoke	2-1 (Hughes, Callaghan)	24,100
Oct 28 (a)	Norwich	1-1 (Cormack)	46,604
Nov 4 (h)	Chelsea	3-1 (Toshack 2, Keegan)	36,625
Nov 11 (a)	Man. Utd	0-2	53,944
Nov 18 (h)	Newcastle	3-2 (Cormack, Lindsay, Toshack)	46,153
Nov 25 (a)	Tottenham	2-1 (Heighway, Keegan)	45,399
Dec 2 (h)	Birmingham	4-3 (Lindsay 2, Cormack, Toshack)	45,407
Dec 9 (a)	West Brom	1-1 (Boersma)	32,000
Dec 16 (a)	Ipswich	1-1 (Heighway)	25,693
Dec 23 (h)	Coventry	2-0 (Toshack 2)	41,550
Dec 26 (a)	Sheff. Utd	3-0 (Boersma, Lawler, Heighway)	34,040
Dec 30 (h)	C. Palace	1-0 (Cormack)	50,862
Jan 6 (a)	West Ham	1-0 (Keegan)	34,480
Jan 20 (h)	Derby	1-1 (Toshack)	45,996
Jan 27 (a)	Wolves	1-2 (Keegan)	32,957
Feb 10 (h)	Arsenal	0-2	49,898
Feb 17 (a)	Man. City	1-1 (Boersma)	40,528
Feb 24 (h)	Ipswich	2-1 (Heighway, Keegan)	43,875
Mar 3 (a)	Everton	2-0 (Hughes 2)	54,269
Mar 10 (h)	Southampton	3-2 (Lloyd, Keegan 2)	41,674
Mar 17 (a)	Stoke	1-0 (Mahoney og)	33,540
Mar 24 (h)	Norwich	3-1 (Lawler, Hughes, Hall)	42,995
Mar 31 (h)	Tottenham	1-1 (Keegan)	48,477
Apr 7 (a)	Birmingham	1-2 (Smith)	48,114
Apr 14 (h)	West Brom	1-0 (Keegan pen.)	43,853
Apr 17 (a)	Coventry	2-1 (Boersma 2)	27,280
April 21 (h)	Newcastle	1-2 (Keegan)	37,240
Apr 23 (h)	Leeds	2-0 (Cormack, Keegan)	55,738
Apr 28 (h)	Leicester	0-0	56,202

● Liverpool's score first in each case.

# avalanche begins!

"People like Peter Cormack, Larry Lloyd and Phil Thompson burst on the scene and with Kevin Keegan and Steve Heighway coming into their own there was a strong feeling success was just around the corner.

"We went on to win the Championship and the UEFA Cup in the same season and from then on, things just got better and better."

Tommy, who was a member of the Championship winning squad of 1965/66, believes the FA Cup Final defeat at the hands of Arsenal was a blessing in disguise.

"We had all experienced the feeling of failure and it made us more determined to succeed in future," he says.

"After such a defeat it's so easy for teams to slide downhill, but we reacted the opposite way and from then on everything started to happen and trophies came our way."

"It was marvellous for me to captain what was a comparatively young side and to lead them to a UEFA Cup triumph is something I will always remember."

Liverpool couldn't have had a more testing start to the League campaign. They entertained the two Manchester clubs in the opening games and, in front of crowds of around 55,000 on each occasion, succeeded in collecting the maximum four points.

Those victories instilled great confidence in the side, which went from strength to strength.

Says Tommy: "We were top of the table for the majority of the season and at no time looked in any real danger.

"The only threat came from Arsenal who had completed the League and Cup double the previous year, and they were the only team to beat us at Anfield.

"I joined Liverpool in 1960 just after he took over as manager and all the time he was at the club, there was always an air of expectancy.

"He was a great manager and his record over the years spoke for itself."

Liverpool clinched their eighth League Championship with a 2-0 home win against Leeds and then turned their attentions to the UEFA Cup Final, against the crack German side Borussia Moenchengladbach.

"It was a great occasion for everyone connected with the club, but once the celebrations were over our only interest was the game against Borussia," recalls Tommy.

"The first leg at Anfield had to be cancelled because the pitch was waterlogged following a torrential downpour.

"We played the game the following night when it was still pretty sloppy under foot. But we adapted to the conditions well and were worthy 3-0 winners.

"Even though we were 3-0 up



**Tommy Smith** — "We had gone a long time without winning anything but everyone felt we were on the way back."

after the first leg we never considered we had done enough. We knew their potential at home and they hit back with two early goals in the second leg.

"After that we took control and could have gone on to win comfortably. In the end we were happy to hang on, to win the trophy for the first time.

"Winning the UEFA Cup gave me particular pleasure and it was a relief to know that after six years of wandering down a dark corridor there was light at the end of the tunnel."

## LIVERPOOL FACT FILE 1972-73

**Manager:** Bill Shankly

**Points:** 60

**Goals for:** 72

**Goals against:** 42

**Biggest victory:** 5-0 v Sheffield United (h)

**Heaviest defeat:** 2-0 v Manchester United (a) and Arsenal (h)

**Top scorers:** League — John Toshack 13, Kevin Keegan 13; FA Cup — Toshack 2; League Cup — Keegan 5

**Penalty King:** Keegan 2

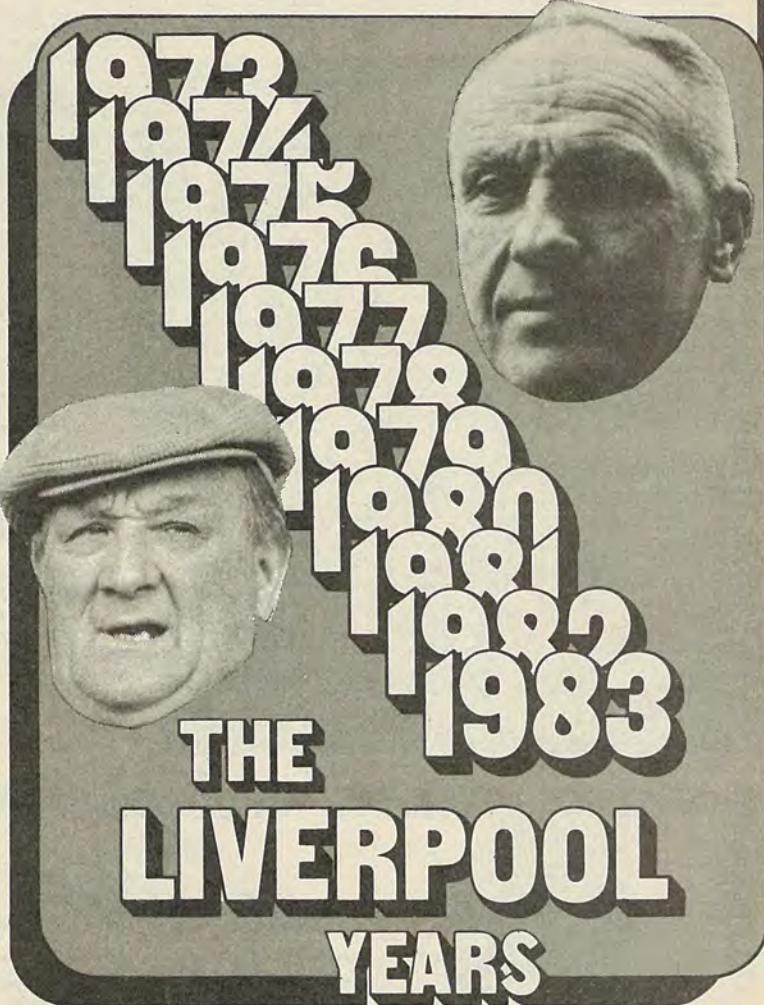
**Hat tricks:** none

**Average home gate:** 48,127

**Most League appearances:** Chris Lawler, Larry Lloyd and Ian Callaghan, all 42

## FINAL DIVISION ONE TABLE

	Home	Away	P	W	D	L	F	AW	D	L	F	A Pts
Liverpool	42	17	3	1	45	19	8	7	6	27	23	60
Arsenal	42	14	5	2	31	14	9	6	6	26	29	57
Leeds U.	42	15	4	2	45	13	6	7	8	26	32	53
Ipswich T.	42	10	7	4	34	20	7	7	7	21	21	48
Wolverhampton W.	42	13	3	5	43	23	5	8	8	23	31	47
West Ham U.	42	12	5	4	45	25	5	7	9	22	28	46
Derby Co.	42	15	3	3	43	18	4	5	12	13	36	46
Tottenham H.	42	10	5	6	33	23	6	8	7	25	25	45
Newcastle U.	42	12	6	3	35	19	4	7	10	25	32	45
Birmingham C.	42	11	7	3	39	22	4	5	12	14	32	42
Manchester C.	42	12	4	5	36	20	3	7	11	21	40	41
Chelsea	42	9	6	6	30	22	4	8	9	19	29	40
Southampton	42	8	11	2	26	17	3	7	11	21	35	40
Sheffield U.	42	11	4	6	28	18	4	5	11	23	41	40
Stoke C.	42	11	8	2	38	17	3	2	16	23	39	38
Leicester C.	42	7	9	5	23	18	3	8	10	17	28	37
Everton	42	9	5	7	27	21	4	6	11	14	28	37
Manchester U.	42	9	7	5	24	19	3	6	12	20	41	37
Coventry C.	42	9	5	7	27	24	4	4	13	13	31	35
Norwich C.	42	7	9	5	22	19	4	1	16	14	44	32
C. Palace	42	7	7	2	25	21	2	5	14	16	37	30
W.B.A.	42	8	7	6	25	24	1	3	17	13	38	28



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## On the Wright track

WORLD Cup skipper Mick Mills wasn't a bit surprised at the inclusion of his young Southampton team-mate, Mark Wright, in the latest England squads.

Says Mick: "Last season Mark matured into a central defender as good as any I've played with.

"Kevin Beattie was probably a little stronger, but I consider Mark every bit as good as Terry Butcher and Russell Osman were at the same stage in their careers."

## Farewell Ricky

IT SEEMS that Europe has seen the last of Tottenham's Argentinian midfield star Ricky Villa.

The bearded player, best remembered for his brilliant winning goal in Tottenham's 1981 FA Cup replay triumph over Manchester City, is planning to spend the next couple of years in America with Fort Lauderdale.

Although it was rumoured that he might end up in Spain, Ricky says he will eventually return to his ranch in Argentina.

Meanwhile Ricky's colleague, Osvaldo Ardiles, made it clear before he left for a summer break in Buenos Aires that he will be playing with Tottenham next season.

## Welcome-back Trevor

ENGLAND's Trevor Brooking will be playing with West Ham for at least another season.

The elegant midfield player, who played only one First Division game last season because of injury, has signed a one-year contract.

"I'm delighted it has worked out this way," says Trevor, whose only appearance was in the 3-1 defeat by Arsenal last month.

"There were offers, but West Ham has been my only club and I'm more than happy to stay."

Trevor is to prepare for next season by spending six weeks in Hong Kong playing with Bobby Moore's Eastern team.



### LIVERPOOL TWO-STEP

LIVERPOOL celebrities Kenny Dalglish and Bob Paisley have left their mark on the city in more ways than one (above).

They were two of an all-star Liverpool cast to decorate their own personalised paving stones for the city's 'Pathway of Honour'.

BRENTFORD duo Paul Walker and Gary Johnson have joined South African club P.G. Rangers who are based in Johannesburg.

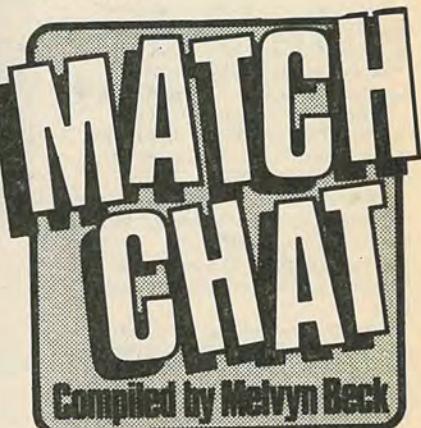
BURY, who narrowly missed out on promotion to the Third Division, have been forced to withdraw their reserve side from the Central League and unload 13 players in order to reduce costs.

## LOAN TRANSFERS FOR APRIL

Anthony Lowery, West Brom to Mansfield.

### TRANSFERRED BACK

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UHL 025	S,M,L	£13.50	UNAVAILABLE
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UMBRO ROUGH SUPER	Y,S,M,L	£14.95	UNAVAILABLE
STAR/REUSCH BAILEY	Y,S,M,L	£15.45	£16.50
UHL 034	S,M,L	£15.95	£16.95
UHL 036	S,M,L	£15.95	£16.95
UHL 037	Y,S,M,L	£15.95	£16.95
SONDICO CLEMENCE PRO (Red)	Y,S,M,L	£15.99	£18.99
SONDICO CLEMENCE PRO (Blue)	Y,S,M,L	£15.99	£18.99
REUSCH MAESTRO	Y,S,M,L	£17.45	£18.95
UMBRO GROBBELAAR EXCLUSIVE	Y,S,M,L	£17.50	£17.95
UMBRO ROUGH EXCLUSIVE	Y,S,M,L	£17.50	UNAVAILABLE
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## Wales bank on England

MIKE England's contract as Wales manager has been renewed for another three years which will take him up to the next World Cup Finals.

Wales, who narrowly missed out on last year's World Cup Finals, are currently in a good position to reach next year's European Championship Finals in France.

"I feel honoured that I've been asked to stay on", says the former Tottenham defender.

"It's customary to let the referee stand clear before kicking a penalty!"

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## MILK CUP MONEY-GO-ROUND

NEXT year's Milk Cup winners will pick up a cheque for £64,000 as well as the coveted trophy at Wembley.

In a new share-out scheme for the competition, the runners-up will collect £48,000, the Semi-Finalists £16,000, down to £1,000 for the First Round losers.

● **SECOND** Division champions Queen's Park Rangers opened up their New Zealand tour with odd goal wins over Canterbury and Wellington.

Clive Allen scored the only goal in Canterbury, while Simon Stainrod and Terry Fenwick, with a penalty, netted in the 2-1 win over Auckland.

● **ENGLAND**'s Luther Blissett scored a second half equaliser for Watford in their exhibition match against the newly-formed Team America in Kingston, Jamaica.

● **NORWICH** have nipped into Merseyside to sign Everton youth player Mark Farrington.

The 17-year-old scored four goals against Norwich's youth team in the recent FA Youth Cup Final which the young 'Canaries' won after a replay.

# FAIR DINKUM!

## BARHAM OVERJOYED BY AUSSIE TOUR PLACE

NORWICH winger Mark Barham was literally dreaming when told of his selection for England's three-match tour to Australia.

And he was still in a dream world when he jetted across to the other side of the globe as the real surprise packet in Bobby Robson's new-look squad.

He was asleep in Norwich's Norwegian tour hotel when manager Ken Brown telephoned him with the shock news of his selection.

"As the words came out I shook a little," says 20-year-old Mark, who had been completely overlooked by the England Under-21 selectors.

"It came right out of the blue and made me feel ten feet tall." And that's quite something for the little winger who stands barely 5ft 7ins!

He celebrated that evening by creating two goals in the Canaries' 5-2 friendly win over Norwegian First Division club Molde, then decided to quit the club's holiday trip to Ibiza to prepare properly for his trip of a lifetime.

"It has always been my ambition to play for England, but to be fair I didn't expect international recognition so soon, especially as I haven't played at Under-21 level."

Mark Barham — shock call-up made him feel ten feet tall.

says Mark, who made a second half appearance as substitute for England youths against Denmark three years ago.

But Mark, who admits that he didn't have the best of seasons, has no fears about stepping up into the international arena: "I am normally a very confident person, and there can be no greater boost than pulling on an England shirt," he says.

Mark's career started in the Southern League with Folkestone at the age of 15 and it was their manager, former Gillingham star Brian Yeo, who recommended him to Norwich coach Mel Machin.

After two trial games he found himself whisked away with the youth team to an international tournament in Holland: "I only played once during the whole tour and felt I was just there to make up the numbers," he recalls.

"But when we got back, Norwich offered me a two-year apprenticeship.

"The first few months were hard and I seemed to be drifting nowhere and then John Benson, now manager of Manchester City, and Mel Machin got to work on me.

"They devoted hours of coaching time to me and virtually taught me how to play."

## 'CITY MUST TAKE THE BLAME'

WHILE Arsenal's Graham Rix mourns the relegation of Manchester City he claims: "They only have themselves to blame.

"I was disappointed to see them go down, because it's always a pleasure to go to Maine Road. They have top class facilities and a large following.

"But questions must be asked about a situation where a team can collapse like a pack of playing cards, after being second in the table just before Christmas.

"Only time will tell whether relegation will enable them to return to the First Division much stronger — rather like Manchester United and Tottenham — but I think at this stage City would rather swap places with a team in the top flight."

## SIX OF THE BEST

SIX stadiums will be used to stage the European Championship Finals in France next summer.

The Finals kick off on June 12 at the Parc des Princes in Paris where the Final will be held 15 days later on June 27.

The other stadiums being used are Lens, Strasbourg, St Etienne, Nantes, Lyon and Marseilles.

The eight Finalists will be split into two groups with the top two in each going through to the Semi-Finals being held at Marseilles on June 23 and at Lyon the following day.

## ORIENT UPSET

ORIENT, who just escaped relegation to the Fourth Division, will have a new manager in charge next season.

They have parted company with Ken Knighton who was halfway through his four-year contract.

"I'm bitterly disappointed. I knew it would take four years to sort out what was wrong," says the former Sunderland boss.

"It has taken me two years to get the club run properly. I felt we had turned the corner."



## JOIN THE JUNIOR SPURS

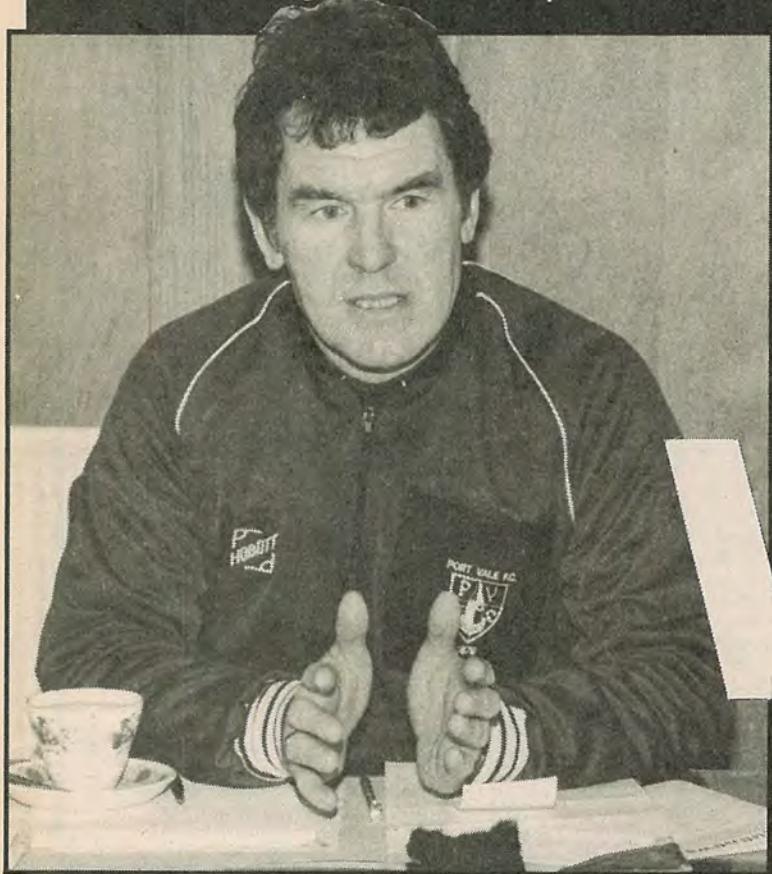
TOTTENHAM are forming a 'Junior Spurs' Club next season with special offers to the members.

Membership will be open to boys and girls under 16 and will include reduced admission to First Division matches at White Hart Lane, free entry to reserve games, organised tours of the ground and souvenir items.

More details will be announced later in the summer, but membership forms can be obtained now from Peter Day, c/o Junior Spurs, Tottenham FC, 748 High Road, Tottenham N17 0AP. A stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed.

# by John McGrath

INTERVIEW:  
Anthony Hawkswell.



Above: John McGrath — gave up giving team talks!

Right: Phil Sproson: "Plays like a Trojan."

TEAM talks with my lot are impossible ... they usually ended up as joke telling sessions.

I gave up giving them after the game against Hereford in February. I just couldn't get through to the players because they were laughing so much.

It all started as I was going through the Hereford team and came across a player called John Crabbe. I just happened to mention that he ran funny ... then came the cracks. One player

asked me if he went sideways while another reckoned he had a special 'claws' in his contract. The jokes just went on and on ...

But don't get the idea that the lads don't take football seriously, because they do. I believe that if they are relaxed and happy they will do their job better.

There's one time of the day I really love at Vale and that's having a cup of tea with the players in the dressing room after training. I try my hardest not to miss that.

I love sitting around with them and getting involved in the friendly banter.

I'm a great believer in playing attractive football and I've got players here who are very skilful. Four of my lads — Phil Sproson, Russell Bromage, Geoff Hunter and Steve Fox — were included in the PFA's Fourth Division team.

We went up to the Third Division in style and I'm proud of that. We didn't have to kick ourselves up and I believe other teams respected us for that. They knew they had a chance — if they were better they'd beat us.

I've also got a lot of inventive players here. I remember one occasion when we spent about an hour practising free-kicks and corners. The following day they scored with a set piece I'd never even seen.

I'm not going to make predictions about how well we'll do in the Third next season, but Chesterfield manager Frank Barlow told me the other day that barring Portsmouth we were the best team his side played last season. That's got to give us some confidence!

I'd like you to meet the players ...

**BARRY SIDDALL:** Signed on a free from Sunderland, he proved our number one defender last season. A goalkeeper of stature, he inspires confidence in his back four and is one of the biggest influences at the club.

Barry is a real character and one of the chief mickey takers. He's always ready with a wisecrack and full of fun.

**COLIN TARTT:** He's the unpredictable one in the back four. He does a lot of crazy things and yet he seems to get away with them. A real favourite with the fans.

I signed Colin on a free from Chesterfield and the 31-year-old contributed a lot last season. He's a natural ball player.

**RUSSELL BROMAGE:** I'm resigned to losing him because he has turned down a new contract. He is ambitious for First Division football and I'm more confident about him making the grade than I was about Mark Chamberlain.

He must be among the six best defenders in the country — a great supplier of the ball and a tremendous athlete. He loves to go forward so much that I've seen opposing wingers waiting for him to go on a run. My captain, he's only 22 and yet has played more than 200 games.

**PHIL SPROSON:** When I took over he was a bit of a 'Mummy's

# VALE'S



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'MY TEAM' is a great new series where winning managers talk frankly about their teams with fascinating and often amusing player-by-player profiles.

It's a series you won't want to miss so place a regular order for 'Match' with your newsagent by filling in the special order form on Page 5 of this week's issue.

This week the 'My Team' spotlight falls on Port Vale — promoted from the Fourth Division last season — and John McGrath, the manager that took them up.

boy'. He was allergic to pain — the sort who'd limp when he had a headache. Now he is the opposite — Phil plays like a trojan!

A lot of First Division clubs, including Forest and Stoke have been after him, but I've managed to persuade him to sign a new contract. Deep down I think he wants to beat his uncle Roy's record of League appearances for Vale. A magnificent header of the ball.

**WAYNE CEGIELSKI:** The biggest problem I've had with him is spelling his name. Wayne is one of the best professionals I've ever worked with. He's a manager's dream.

He's the quiet assassin — he just gets on with his job in the centre of defence alongside Phil Sproson.

# My Team

## PORT VALE



Above: Russell Bromage: "I'm resigned to losing him."

Left: "Barry Siddall: "Our number one defender last season."

# VALIANTS!

Phil attacks the ball whereas Wayne does the tidying up. They were the best central defenders in the Fourth Division last season.

**TERRY ARMSTRONG:** The battler in midfield — our unsung hero. He is the sort of person who would deserve a VC and yet never get one. He had a super season and his work gave the other lads confidence to go forward.

Terry is a born moaner. If he found a £1 note he'd complain it wasn't a fiver. The players take the mickey out of him something rotten . . . and he usually falls for it. He's been caught so often that if he was a salmon he'd be in a tin by now!

**GEOFF HUNTER:** The joker in the Port Vale pack, he is the sort of player who does the unexpected. A creative midfielder who wouldn't be out of his depth in the top flight.

Geoff is a great man to have on your side. He's a winner and hates being beaten.

**JOHN RIDLEY:** I call him 'Pollyfilla' because he can fill so many gaps in the side. A very versatile player, John is normally a midfielder but he was superb in

the back four towards the end of the season.

John only trains part-time because he is a schoolteacher. At the moment he works in Chesterfield, but he's looking for a job in the Stoke area.

**STEVE FOX:** A true winger like Mark Chamberlain. He's not the sort of player you can coach. His skill is instinctive. I got him on a free from Wrexham because they couldn't afford his wages.

When he first arrived he was a bit quiet, and the others used to pull his leg. Now he gives as good as he gets and has become a master of the wisecrack. He comes out with some beauties.

**JIM STEEL:** A £5,000 buy from Oldham in March. He had a bad spell here for a while but I'm confident he can do well at Vale. He scored three vital goals — including two in our last game of the season against Stockport.

He is a good footballer and holds the ball well. Jim pulls defenders wide and creates plenty of openings for goalscorer Bob Newton.

**BOB NEWTON:** He'd walk over crocodiles to score. If he'd been credited with every goal he claimed he would have had 50 last season. We played Everton in a friendly and they gave us a goal start . . . Bob claimed it!

Bob is a super fellow, but he's not the sort of person I'd like to play against. He is a great influence in the dressing room.

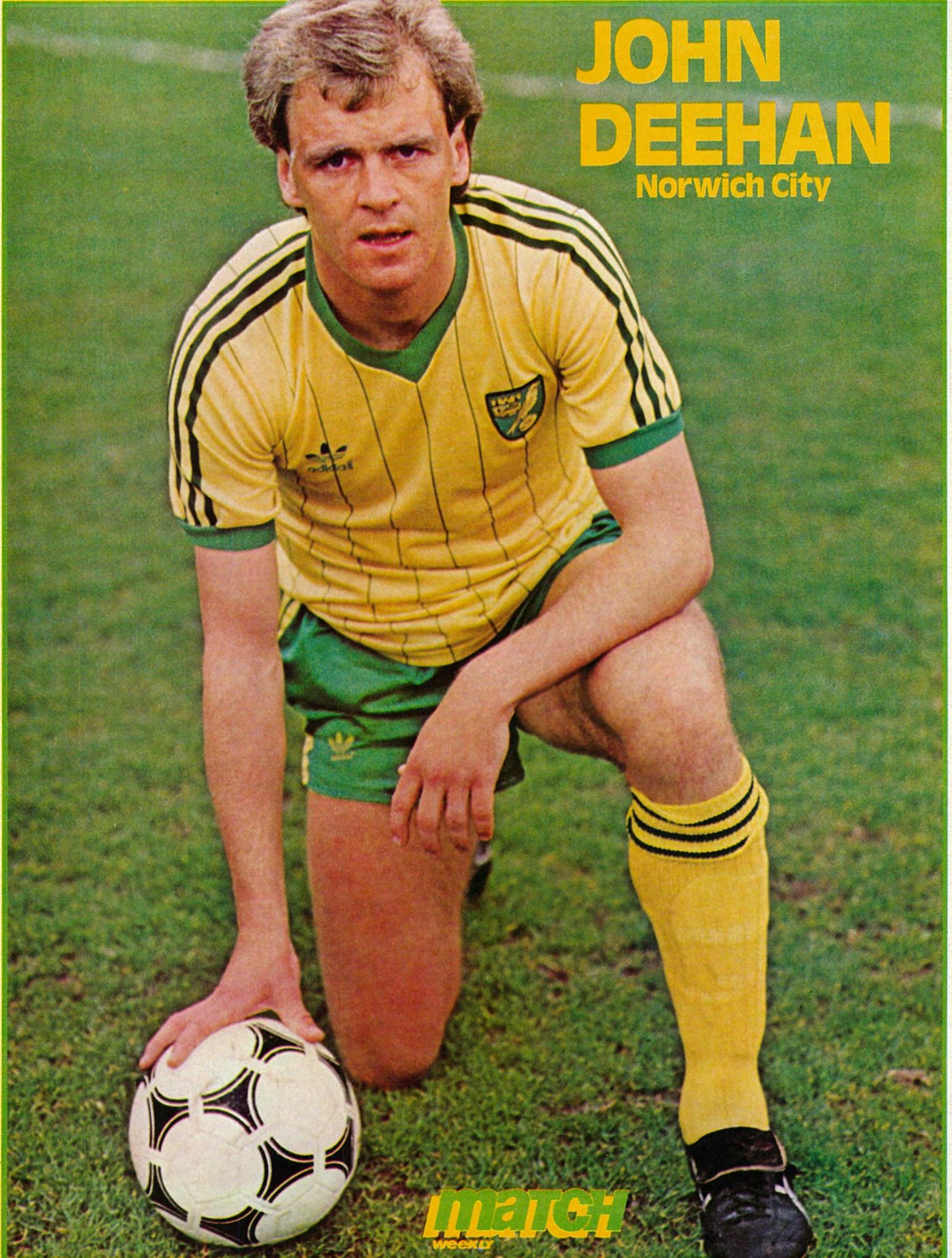
**JIMMY GREENHOFF:** The former Man. Utd and Leeds star went to Rochdale as manager just before the end of the season, but he contributed so much to the club that he can't be left out.

Although his legs were going, he brought quality to the side and a lot of his influence has rubbed off on the others.

● **NEXT WEEK** — Graham Hawkins talks about the Wolves of Molineux.



Right: "Jimmy Greenhoff — contributed so much before leaving the club."



# JOHN DEEHAN

Norwich City

**match**  
weekly



The goal that sealed Scotland's fate. Gordon Cowans fires home to make it 2-0 to England following good work by Trevor Francis.

**It's tartan torment  
as England go on a...**

Scottish fans swarmed the terraces of Wembley ...  
but it was England's night on the pitch!

Colour special on the game that climaxed the 1983  
British Championship. \*Pictures: Lawrence Lustig.

# WEMBLEY WALTZ!

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One nil! Skipper Bryan Robson is off on a celebration run — with the ball — after giving England the lead. Terry Butcher (6), who provided the flick-on, waits with open arms.



**British Championship**  
Wednesday, June 1

**ENGLAND (1) 2 (Robson 13, Cowans 52)**  
**SCOTLAND (0) 0**  
Att: 84,000 (At Wembley)

ENGLAND: Shilton 7, Neal 6, Sansom 7, Lee 6, Roberts 6, **\*BUTCHER** 8, Robson 6 (sub. Mabbott 6), Francis 7, Withe 6 (sub. Blissett 6), Hoddle 7, Cowans 7.

SCOTLAND: Leighton 6, Gough 7, Gray 6, Narey 6, McLeish 6, Miller 7, **\*STRACHAN** 8, Souness 7, Gray 6, Nicholas 5 (sub. Wark 5), Bannon 5 (sub. Brazil 6).

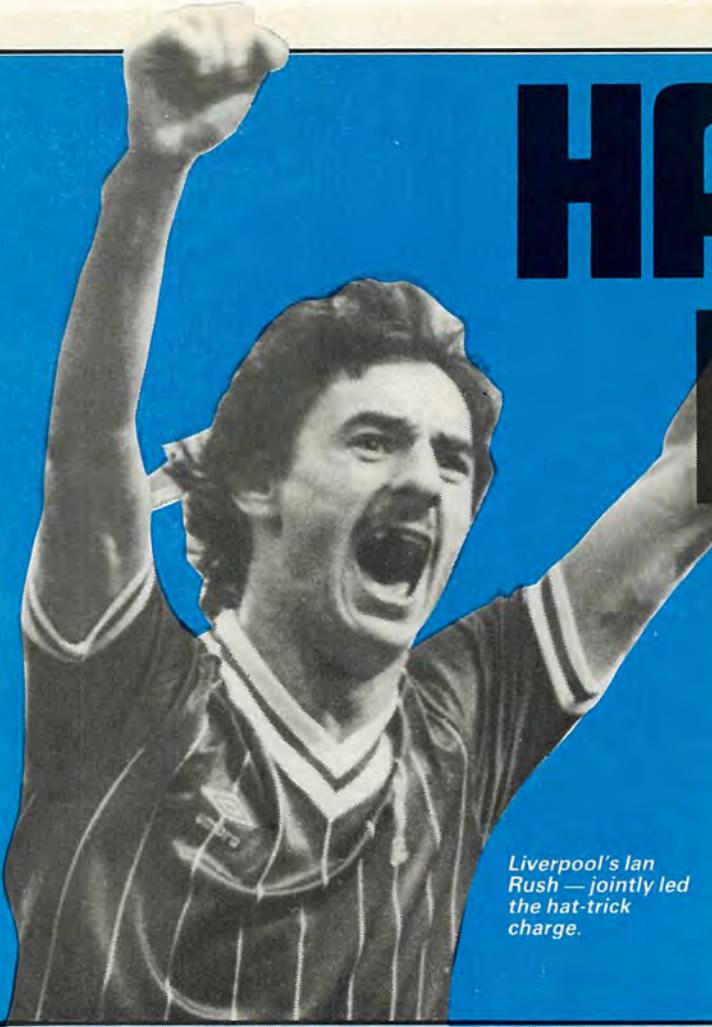
Referee: E. Fredriksson (Sweden)

Match Rating: \*\*\*

Left: England's Terry Butcher and Graham Roberts combine to thwart Scotland danger man Gordon Strachan.

Above: Scotland's Andy Gray wins this aerial duel with Graham Roberts, but it was England who won the day ... and the British Championship.

# HAT-TRICK HEROES!



Liverpool's Ian Rush — jointly led the hat-trick charge.

Spotlight on last season's hat-trick heroes in the League... who got them, who against and when, Exclusive.

**LIVERPOOL'S** Ian Rush and Luton's Paul Walsh, two of the most exciting young strikers in the First Division, led a hat-trick riot in the Football League last season.

Rush and Walsh each scored three 'trebles' and a staggering total of 83 were scored in all four divisions last season — an increase of 28 on the previous term.

The divisional breakdown was: Division One, 20; Division Two, 14; Division Three, 24; Division Four, 25.

Of those 83, only eleven were scored away from home, and Reading's Kerry Dixon, who scored four goals in a 7-5 defeat at Doncaster, had the dubious distinction of being the only hat-trick man to finish on a losing team.

Ian Rush, who scored hat-tricks in successive Saturdays in November, was one of three players to grab four goals in First Division action, the others being Watford's Luther Blissett in the 8-0 drubbing of Sunderland and Ipswich's John's Wark in the 6-1 beating of West Brom.

England striker Luther picked up two hat-tricks in his first season of top flight football, while Manchester City and Notts County found themselves on the receiving end of three hat-tricks apiece.

It was a remarkable feat by young Paul Walsh to achieve a hat-trick of hat-tricks, considering he finished the season with just 13 League goals.

Although Burnley were relegated in the last match of the season, Steve Taylor and Billy Hamilton shared four of the 14 Second Division hat-tricks, with Leicester's Gary Lineker also collecting two in his season's tally of 26.

The Burnley pair both scored hat-tricks in the 7-1 home thrashing of Charlton, while Carlisle were on the wrong end of the first three hat-tricks scored in the Second Division last season.

The Third Division honour was shared by Lincoln's Derek Bell, Kerry Dixon and Exeter's Steve Neville with two apiece.

Huddersfield players Mark Lillis and Brian Stanton both enjoyed four-goal shows, along with Dixon, while Exeter and Fourth Division Rochdale had the worst record in the League — conceding five hat-tricks each.

Aldershot's Dale Banton, the only player to score five goals in one match last season, scored hat-tricks in successive Saturdays to share top billing with Stockport's Mike Quinn, and there was one four-goal blitz from Northampton's Dave Syrett which opened the Fourth Division account on September 19.

## DIVISION ONE

Sept. 4	— Paul Walsh (Luton) v Notts County (h)	5-3
Sept. 4	— Bob Latchford (Swansea) v Norwich (h)	4-0
Sept. 18	— Brian Stein (Luton) v Brighton (h)	5-0
Sept. 25	— *Luther Blissett (Watford) v Sunderland (h)	8-0
Sept. 25	— Jim Melrose (Coventry) v Everton (h)	4-2
Sept. 25	— Cyrille Regis (West Brom) v Norwich (a)	3-1
Oct. 9	— Garry Brooke (Spurs) v Coventry (h)	4-0
Oct. 30	— *John Wark (Ipswich) v West Brom (h)	6-1
Nov. 6	— *Ian Rush (Liverpool) v Everton (a)	5-0
Nov. 13	— Ian Rush (Liverpool) v Coventry (h)	4-0
Dec. 18	— Gary Rowell (Sunderland) v Arsenal (h)	3-0
Dec. 27	— Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) v Man. City (h)	5-2
Jan. 1	— Ian Rush (Liverpool) v Notts County (h)	5-1
Jan. 4	— Paul Walsh (Luton) v West Ham (a)	3-2
Mar. 12	— Luther Blissett (Watford) v Notts County (h)	5-3
Mar. 19	— Steve Moran (Southampton) v Man. City (h)	4-1
Mar. 19	— Tony Woodcock (Arsenal) v Luton (h)	4-1
April 23	— Brian Talbot (Arsenal) v Man City (h)	3-0
April 23	— Paul Walsh (Luton) v Swansea (h)	3-1
May 14	— Steve Archibald (Spurs) v Stoke (h)	4-1

## DIVISION TWO

Sept. 7	— Billy Hamilton (Burnley) v Carlisle (h)	4-1
Sept. 11	— Steve Lynex (Leicester) v Carlisle (h)	6-0
Sept. 11	— Gary Lineker (Leicester) v Carlisle (h)	6-0
Sept. 18	— *Malcolm Poskett (Carlisle) v C. Palace (h)	4-1
Oct. 2	— *Kevin Keegan (Newcastle) v Rotherham (a)	5-1
Oct. 23	— Gary Lineker (Leicester) v Derby	4-0
Nov. 13	— Rodger Wylde (Oldham) v Wolves (h)	4-1
Nov. 20	— Ronnie Moore (Rotherham) v Charlton (a)	5-1
Dec. 4	— Kevin Drinkel (Grimsby) v C. Palace (h)	4-1
Jan. 1	— Steve Taylor (Burnley) v Sheff. Wed. (h)	4-1
Jan. 26	— Steve Taylor (Burnley) v Charlton (h)	7-1
Jan. 26	— Billy Hamilton (Burnley) v Charlton (h)	7-1
Mar. 5	— Clive Allen (QPR) v Middlesbrough (h)	6-1
May 7	— John Seasman (Rotherham) v Blackburn (h)	3-1

## DIVISION THREE

Aug. 28	— Steve Elliott (Preston) v Millwall (h)	3-2
Sept. 25	— Ian Snodin (Doncaster) v Reading (h)	7-5
Sept. 25	— *Kerry Dixon (Reading) v Doncaster (a)	5-7
Sept. 28	— Peter Houghton (Wigan) v Doncaster (a)	6-3
Oct. 9	— Eamon O'Keeffe (Wigan) v Southend (h)	4-0
Oct. 20	— Derek Bell (Lincoln) v Exeter (h)	4-1

## DIVISION FOUR

Sept. 19	— *Dave Syrett (Northampton) v Bristol City (h)	7-1
Sept. 25	— Stewart Evans (Wimbledon) v Torquay (h)	4-1
Oct. 23	— Glyn Riley (Bristol City) v Wimbledon (h)	4-2
Nov. 6	— Steve Cammack (Scunthorpe) v N'thampton (h)	5-1
Nov. 13	— Bobby Davidson (Halifax) v Wimbledon (a)	4-2
Nov. 27	— Keith Walwyn (York) v Mansfield (h)	6-1
Dec. 10	— Mike Quinn (Stockport) v Crewe (h)	3-2
Dec. 28	— Craig Madden (Bury) v Hartlepool (h)	4-0
Jan. 1	— Mike Quinn (Stockport) v Halifax (h)	4-2
Jan. 8	— John Thomas (Chester) v Rochdale (h)	5-2
Jan. 14	— David Staniforth (Halifax) v Colchester (h)	4-0
Jan. 22	— Paul Rideout (Swindon) v Rochdale (h)	4-1
Jan. 22	— Tony Adcock (Colchester) v Crewe (h)	4-3
Jan. 29	— Andy Flounders (Hull) v Stockport (h)	7-0
Feb. 5	— Stuart Phillips (Hereford) v Chester (h)	5-2
Mar. 1	— Kevin Todd (Darlington) v Aldershot (a)	6-1
Mar. 12	— Micky French (Rochdale) v Hereford (h)	4-1
Mar. 14	— John Dungworth (Mansfield) v Hartlepool (h)	3-0
Mar. 19	— Bob Newton (Port Vale) v Rochdale (h)	4-0
April 23	— Dale Banton (Aldershot) v Rochdale (h)	6-4
April 23	— Trevor Senior (Aldershot) v Rochdale (h)	6-4
May 2	— Alan Cork (Wimbledon) v Chester (h)	4-0
May 7	— **Dale Banton (Aldershot) v Halifax (h)	6-1
May 8	— Steve Massey (Northampton) v Swindon (a)	5-1

\* Denotes 4 goals; \*\* Denotes 5 goals.



Dundee United winger Eamonn Bannon:  
"Charlie possesses a very rare gift."

DUNDEE United's Eamonn Bannon is convinced that Charlie Nicholas will be a success in the English First Division. He says: "Charlie has the same instinctive skills as Kenny Dalglish."

"It would be unfair to compare him with the Liverpool striker, but they both possess a very rare gift. You can sense that they will do something special when they arrive in the box."

"The duo also score spectacular goals and have the ability to make them look simple. Newcastle's Kevin Keegan can do the same."

"Charlie is a real pleaser. He used to have the Celtic crowd in raptures every week and I see no reason why he won't do the same with his new club."

Eamonn is better qualified than most to talk about the pressures and problems faced by a player who moves South. He experienced the pain of failure and returned home to Scotland after eight miserable months at Chelsea.

"The big difference between Charlie and me is that I joined a club which was struggling at the foot of the First Division. There's no way he'll do that. Charlie will sign for a successful team that has a chance of winning something."

"The pressure on him is the fact that he's got to justify his big transfer fee and prove himself to the club and the fans."

"But he's not short of confidence and that will help when he moves to a strange club and meets new players. He will go out of his way to make friends."

Eamonn believes that Charlie could find it

**SCOTTISH 'wonder-boy'**  
Charlie Nicholas will be playing in England next season — following in the footsteps of his idol Kenny Dalglish.

Can the 'Cannonball Kid' emulate the great Liverpool favourite? 'Match' asked the stars in the know . . .

easier in English football. He explains: "He'll have more time on the ball because the tackle from behind is outlawed down there."

"He will be up against a better standard of defenders. In Scotland you play against top class players once every three weeks, but in England you are up against established names every game. Even so, he has proved that he can score goals at any level."

"I can understand his reasons for leaving Celtic. The First Division gets the most publicity in Europe and he will be under the spotlight."

"There is a lot of money to be made. I don't think Scottish clubs can compete with their English counterparts financially."

"I'm sorry to see him leave but in this game you've got to make a living while you are still young."

# NICHOLAS — THE NEW DALGLISH?



**CRAIG PATERSON**  
(RANGERS)

ENGLISH defenders are no better than those up here, so I see no reason why Charlie can't continue his goalscoring exploits.

The only difference he'll find is that he's up against established names every week whereas in Scotland that wasn't always the case.

But he has proved himself against the likes of European Cup Winners' Cup holders Aberdeen and Premier Division Champions Dundee United.

Charlie would cause problems anywhere. He's so unpredictable. He's always likely to turn on something special and there aren't many players around who can do that.

He's at his most dangerous when he goes deep to collect the ball and then comes running at you. That's why Frank McGarvey was such a perfect foil for him. He used to drag defenders out of position and give Charlie the chance to attack people.



**FRANK McGARVEY**  
(CELTIC)

THE pressure will be on Charlie to produce the goods when he plays for his new club, but that's just the way he likes it.

The young striker loves the limelight and he's so much sharper when he's under pressure. That's why he'll do well in the English First Division.

The lad has so much talent and skill that he can play anywhere in the world and score goals. He's got everything going for him.

I'm disappointed he's gone from Celtic's point of view, because we've got a very good side at Parkhead. But it's the right move for him. He's got to think of himself and financial security.

No team can afford to lose a player of his skills, but the last time Celtic won the Premier Division title we were without him because he had a broken leg. We can do it again!



Brighton's FA Cup Final hero Gary Stevens — voted 'Player of the Year' by 'Seagulls' fans.

Kenny Dalglish shows his Football Writers' Association 'Player of the Year' trophy to Bob Paisley. Now the Scotland star can add the Liverpool Supporters Club award to his collection.

# THE FANS' CHOICE

The Fans' Choice — Division One. Spotlight on the supporters' 'Player of the Year' awards up and down the country.

● NEXT WEEK: Division Two.

## WHO TOOK THE HONOURS

Club	Player	This season		Total	Goals
		Lg app	goals		
Arsenal	John Hollins	22	2	126	9
Birmingham	Tony Coton	28	0	46	0
Brighton	Gary Stevens	41	0	133	2
Coventry	Gary Gillespie	42	2	172	6
Everton					
Ipswich	Paul Mariner	37	13	237	85
Liverpool	Kenny Dalglish	42	17	244	95
Luton	Paul Walsh	41	13	41	13
Man. City	Kevin Bond	40	3	73	6
Man. Utd					
Norwich	Dave Watson	35	1	91	7
Notts County	Raddy Avramovic	36	0	149	0
Nott'm For.	Stephen Hodge	38	8	39	0
Stoke	Mike Thomas	41	11	41	11
Southampton	Mark Wright	39	2	42	2
Swansea	Bob Latchford	38	20	69	32
Sunderland	Ian Atkins	36	4	36	4
Watford	Wilf Rostron	42	3	127	9
West Brom	Romeo Zondervan	40	2	54	2
West Ham	Alvin Martin	38	3	176	12

● Spurs and Aston Villa had still to announce their 'Player of the Year' awards at our time of going to Press.

GARY Stevens, the people's choice as the FA Cup Final's outstanding player, completed the 'double' by receiving the 'Player of the Year' award from the Brighton fans.

Little was known about the qualities of the young defender before the Wembley battles with Manchester United, but obviously the Brighton supporters had already appreciated his contribution to the club's survival battle.

But while Gary bathed in unfamiliar glory, Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish accepted yet another award as if it was all in a day's work.

The 'Footballer of the Year' has picked up so many awards in recent weeks that his sideboard is in danger of collapsing, but getting the vote of the Liverpool fans in another Championship season must have given him great satisfaction.

At Watford, unsung hero Wilf Rostron, took the honour.

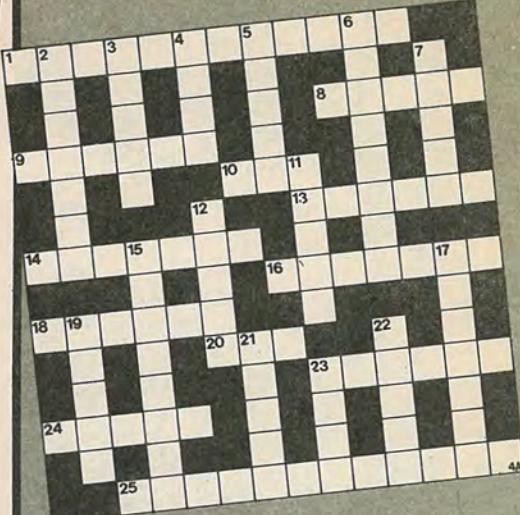
Although players like Luther Blissett and John Barnes continuously hit the headlines last season, as Watford blazed a glory trail on their First Division debut, it was the former Arsenal player who was the fans' choice at Vicarage Road.

Evergreen John Hollins said goodbye to the Arsenal fans by collecting the trophy at Highbury (see story Page 22), while across London, England centre-half Alvin Martin was taking the award back home with him, after winning it for the second successive year.

Not surprisingly Bob Latchford, who kept a continuous stream of goals going despite Swansea's problems, picked up the trophy at the Vetch Field, and another seasoned campaigner, 'Match Weekly' columnist Paul Mariner celebrated his first season as Ipswich captain by winning the award for the first time.

Mark Wright, Southampton's new England captain, underlined his potential by topping the charts at the Dell, and Ian Atkins obviously had an outstanding first season with Sunderland by taking their award.

## Soccerword



### ACROSS

1. Scottish club which was relegated to the Second Division in 1982 and finished in its depths in 1983! (4,8)
2. The half-time one is often no guide to the actual result (5)
10. & 9. Part of the first-choice strip for Spain (3,6)
13. The 'Road' where Eddie Gray has been 'driving' (6)
14. Famous international venue (7)
16. An attacker goes — a defender if he runs between him and the touchline. (7)
18. See 15 down
20. An organisation dealing with soccer north of the border (1,1,1)
23. Southend used to have such a shellfish on their badge (6)
24. The much travelled Dennis — helped Hull to promotion (5)
25. Midfielder who completed ten years with Chesterfield this year (4,8)

### DOWN

2. See 15 down
3. — Connor went from 13 across to 15 down this year (5)
4. The referee has to provide the money for this! (4)
5. He became manager of Oldham in the last close season (5)
6. Young Scot who started out with Celtic in 1980 and has been hitting the net and the headlines ever since (8)
7. — Godfrey followed Bobby Saxton as manager of Exeter City (5)
11. 6 down scored on his international one in March (5)
12. International striker who went from Celtic to 19 down before going back north to Partick Thistle (5)
15. & 2, down & 18 across. Relegated club seen beaten at 14 across in May (3,3,4,6)
17. European Championship opposition for England (7)
19. They won their last League match with Antic's late goal at Maine Road (5)
21. — McLintock is now a regular radio analyst (5)
22. Try-out match for a possible new signing (5)
23. Aston Villa ace (4)

### MATCH 'EM UP

MATCH up the clubs on the left with the nicknames on the right.

- The Pilgrims
- The Royals
- The Shrimpers
- The Lions
- The Ironsides
- The Latics

# WHICH ONE IS DEV?

KEEP yourself in the picture with a super Kodak disc camera. That's the prize in this week's FREE-TO-ENTER 'Mystery Personality' competition.

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The Kodak Disc 4000 makes picture taking a real snap — it's as simple as load, aim and shoot.

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## SPOT THE 'HAMMER' AND WIN A DISC CAMERA

midfielder Alan Devonshire and the others are of different players.

Can you say which one — A, B or C — is Devonshire?

Write your answer, together with your name and address and chest size — should you be one of the runners-up — on the special entry form provided and send your entry to:



B

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The first correct entry pulled from the postbag wins the camera and the next ten will win T-shirts.

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Answer .....

Name .....

Address .....

Chest size .....

## SOLUTIONS

### Masked Man

CAN you identify our Masked Man? Don't miss next week's 'Match' for the answer.

● Last week's 'Masked Man' was Lincoln City skipper Phil Neale.



## TOP TEN QUIZ

ARE you a super soccer brain? See how you fare with our 'Top Ten Quiz'... 8-10 correct — expert; 6-8 good; 4-6 — average; below 4 — keep reading 'Match'.

- 1 Who scored Aberdeen's winner in the Scottish FA Cup Final?
- 2 Who scored the first goal of this year's drawn FA Cup Final at Wembley?
- 3 In what season did Arsenal land the League and FA Cup Double?
- 4 Which club are nicknamed the Shots?
- 5 Ipswich signed Paul Cooper from which Midlands club?
- 6 Who plays at Feethams Ground?
- 7 West Ham won the FA Cup in 1975. Who did they beat in the Final?
- 8 Brazilian star Roberto Falcao plays for which Italian club?
- 9 Which Scottish club plays at Starks Park?
- 10 Tony Greaves began his career with which London side?

Snow, 15; Frank, 22; trial, 23; Luton, 17; Denmark, 19; Alderton, 12; Deans, 15; 82 down & 18 across; Brighten and Hove

debut, 6; Nicholais, 7; Brian, 11; Royel, 3; Terry, 4; toss, 5.

Kowalski, Down, 2; See, 15; Royel, 3; Terry, 4; toss, 5.

Wembly, 16; outside, 18; See, 15; Wembly, 13; Elland (Road), 14.

Shirt, 8; score, 10 & 9; red

SOCCEWORD: Across: 1, East

Stirling, 8; score, 10 & 9; red

MATCH EM UP: 1/d, 2/f, 3/a;

4/b, 5/c, 6/e.

9 Rath Rovers, 10 Orient,



Peter Hucke leaving the field in triumph after Q.P.R. had held Tottenham to a draw in the 1982 FA Cup Final — now the young 'keeper has landed Match Weekly's 'Top Stopper' award.

# Hucker's revenge is sweet

QUEEN'S Park Rangers goalkeeper Peter Hucke has gained full revenge from his former Loftus Road rival John Burridge, by claiming the Match Weekly accolade of 'Top Stopper' in the Second Division

The young custodian, understudy to John at Loftus Road until last year, finished below his predecessor in the 1981-82 'Top Stoppers' table.

But last season Peter was out in front on his own, conceding just 36 goals in 42 games as Rangers swept to the Division Two title in convincing style.

That gave him an average of 105 minutes between each goal, leaving John, the charismatic backbone behind the great Wolves revival, in runner's-up spot for the second successive season.

However, this time, evergreen John had company on the 86-minute mark in the shape of Leicester's Mark Wallington.

So it meant that the first three places in the table were filled by the goalkeepers who'll be pitting their skills in the First Division next season.

Then came Sheffield Wednesday's Bob Bolder who

jumped eight places from the previous season even though he conceded only four fewer goals in another ever-present campaign.

The biggest drop was suffered by the previous season's title winner Terry Gennoe.

This time the Blackburn 'keeper found himself in 14th place, some forty minutes down on his winning mark of 105 last year.



John Burridge — runner-up to the man he kept on the sidelines at Loftus Road.

Right: Sheffield Wednesday's Bob Bolder — jumped eight places from last season.

THE first column after the player's name shows the number of League appearances last season, the second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column shows the average number of minutes play between each goal.

For instance, Barnsley's Bobby Horn, on average, conceded one goal every 78 minutes last season.

Only League games were used in the compilation of this table and only those goalkeepers who made at least 20 appearances qualified for inclusion.

## Peter takes title in style



## TOP STOPPERS DIVISION TWO

Pos	Player	Games	Goals	Av mins between each goal
1 (7)	Peter Hucke (QPR)	42 (22)	36 (24)	105 (83)
2 (2)	John Burridge (Wolves)	42 (20)	44 (19)	86 (95)
3 (9)	Mark Wallington (Leicester)	42 (36)	44 (42)	86 (77)
4 (12)	Bob Bolder (Sheff. Wed.)	42 (42)	47 (51)	80 (74)
5 (—)	Gerry Peyton (Fulham)	42 (—)	47 (—)	80 (—)
6 (—)	John Lukic (Leeds)	29 (—)	33 (—)	79 (—)
7 (—)	Steve Ogrizovic (Shrewsbury)	42 (—)	48 (—)	79 (—)
8 (—)	Andy Goram (Oldham)	38 (—)	44 (—)	78 (—)
9 (3)	Bobby Horn (Barnsley)	20 (42)	23 (41)	78 (92)
10 (—)	David Fry (C. Palace)	25 (—)	30 (—)	75 (—)
11 (—)	Steve Cherry (Derby)	31 (—)	38 (—)	73 (—)
12 (10)	Kevin Carr (Newcastle)	32 (42)	40 (50)	72 (76)
13 (13)	Ray Mountfield (Rotherham)	24 (40)	32 (50)	67 (72)
14 (8)	Malcolm Webster (Cambridge)	39 (24)	54 (27)	65 (80)
15 (1)	Terry Gennoe (Blackburn)	33 (35)	46 (30)	65 (105)
16 (20)	Steve Francis (Chelsea)	37 (28)	52 (41)	64 (61)
17 (18)	Jim McDonagh (Bolton)	42 (39)	61 (57)	62 (62)
18 (—)	Gary Pierce (Barnsley)	22 (—)	32 (—)	62 (—)
19 (—)	Trevor Swinburne (Carlisle)	42 (—)	70 (—)	54 (—)
20 (—)	Alan Stevenson (Burnley)	32 (—)	54 (—)	53 (—)
21 (23)	Nigel Batch (Grimsby)	38 (42)	64 (65)	53 (58)
22 (—)	Jim Platt (Middlesbrough)	23 (—)	42 (—)	49 (—)
23 (20)	Nicky Johns (Charlton)	42 (40)	86 (59)	44 (61)

\* Figures in brackets refer to last season.

## Collect this unique dossier

HERE's the third part of your super 'Club Fact File' cut out and keep series.

It's an A-B-C directory featuring every professional club in England, Scotland and Wales... and it's exclusive to 'Match' readers.

Thirty-two teams have already been featured and the following sixteen appear

here — eight on the page opposite and eight on the reverse.

There will be a further sixteen teams next week and so on until you have a unique dossier on every club.

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The 92 English League clubs will be featured first and then we'll go North of the border. So you can't afford to miss 'Match' even for one week!

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## Fulham

**Manager:** Malcolm Macdonald.  
**Division:** Two.  
**Position:** 4th.  
**Points:** 69.  
**Goals for:** 64.  
**Against:** 47.  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Bolton, Grimsby (twice).  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-3 v Oldham, Charlton.  
**Top scorer (League):** Gordon Davies 19, Robert Wilson 11. FA Cup: Dean Coney 2. Milk Cup: Davies, Coney, Ray Houghton, Tony Gale and Roger Brown 1 each.  
**Penalty king:** Ray Lewington 6.  
**Hat-tricks:** None..  
**Average home gate:** 10,836. Up or down: + 3,899.  
**Most League appearances:** Peyton, Hopkins, O'Driscoll, Brown, Gdale, Houghton and Lewington, all 42 each.



## Gillingham

**Manager:** Keith Peacock.  
**Division:** Three..  
**Position:** 13th.  
**Points:** 61..  
**Goals for:** 58.  
**Against:** 59.  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Orient.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 2-5 v Bournemouth.  
**Top scorer (League):** Tony Cascarino 14, Mark Weatherly 9. FA Cup: Weatherly 2. Milk Cup: Cascarino 3.  
**Penalty king:** Steve Bruce 3.  
**Hat-tricks:** Dean White 1.  
**Average home gate:** 4,147. Up or down: - 1,094.  
**Most League appearances:** Bruce, Mick Adams 43 each. Ron Hillyard 42.



## Grimsby

**Manager:** Dave Booth.  
**Division:** Two.  
**Position:** 19th.  
**Points:** 47.  
**Goals for:** 45.  
**Against:** 70..  
**Biggest win:** 5-0 v Blackburn.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 2-5 v Chelsea.  
**Top scorer (League):** Kevin Drinkell 17, Joe Waters 8. FA Cup: Tony Ford, Waters 1 each. Milk Cup: Drinkell 15.  
**Penalty king:** Waters 6.  
**Hat-tricks:** Drinkell 1.  
**Average home gate:** 7,745. Up or down: - 661.  
**Most League appearances:** Waters, Phil Bonnyman 40 each, Drinkell, David Moore 39 each.



## Halifax

**Manager:** Mickey Bullock.  
**Division:** Four.  
**Position:** 11th.  
**Points:** 60.  
**Goals for:** 59.  
**Against:** 66..  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Colchester.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 1-6 v Aldershot.  
**Top scorer (League):** David Staniforth 16, Steve Spooner 11. FA Cup: None. Milk Cup: Bobby Davison 3.  
**Penalty king:** Spooner 4.  
**Hat-tricks:** Davison, Staniforth 1 each.  
**Average home gate:** 1,925. Up or down - 482.  
**Most League appearances:** Alan Nobbs 46, Tony Smith 44.

# CLUB FACT FILE 1982/83



## Hartlepool

**Manager:** Billy Horner.  
**Division:** Four.  
**Position:** 22nd.  
**Points:** 48.  
**Goals for:** 46.  
**Against:** 76.  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Tranmere.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 1-5 v York.  
**Top scorer (League):** Paul Dobson 7. FA Cup: John Linacre 2. Milk Cup: Allan Barker 2.  
**Penalty king:** Mark Lawrence 3.  
**Hat-tricks:** None..  
**Average home gate:** 1,369. Up or down: - 685.  
**Most League appearances:** Andy Linighan 45, Phil Brown 43.



## Hereford

**Manager:** Johnny Newman.  
**Division:** Four.  
**Position:** 24th.  
**Points:** 41.  
**Goals for:** 42.  
**Against:** 79.  
**Biggest win:** 5-2 v Chester.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 1-5 v Blackpool.  
**Top scorer (League):** Stuart Phillips 13, Chris Price 5. FA Cup: None. Milk Cup: Derek Showers, Mel Pejic 1 each.  
**Penalty king:** Jimmy Harvey 3.  
**Hat-tricks:** Phillips 1.  
**Average home gate:** 2,234. Up or down: - 358.  
**Most League appearances:** Pejic 45, Price, Harvey 41 each.



## Huddersfield

**Manager:** Mick Buxton.  
**Division:** Three.  
**Position:** 3rd.  
**Points:** 82.  
**Goals for:** 84.  
**Against:** 49.  
**Biggest win:** 6-0 v Orient.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-3 v Millwall.  
**Top scorer (League):** Mark Lillis 19, Colin Russell 16. FA Cup: Brian Stanton 2. Milk Cup: Stanton 2.  
**Penalty king:** Brown 7  
**Hat-tricks:** Lillis, Stanton 1 each  
**Average home gate:** 9,263. Up or down: + 2,518.  
**Most League appearances:** Brown, Lillis 46 each, Brian Cox 45.



## Hull City

**Manager:** Colin Appleton.  
**Division:** Four.  
**Position:** 2nd.  
**Points:** 90.  
**Goals for:** 75.  
**Against:** 34..  
**Biggest win:** 7-0 v Stockport.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 1-3 v Mansfield.  
**Top scorer (League):** Brian Marwood 19, Andy Flounders 13. FA Cup: None. Milk Cup: Flounders, Billy Whitehurst 1 each.  
**Penalty king:** Marwood 4.  
**Hat-tricks:** Flounders 1.  
**Average home gate:** 6,942. Up or down: + 2,950.  
**Most League appearances:** Peter Skipper 46, Gareth Roberts 44.



## Ipswich

**Manager:** Bobby Ferguson.  
**Division:** One.  
**Position:** 9th.  
**Points:** 58.  
**Goals for:** 64.  
**Against:** 50.  
**Biggest win:** 6-0 v Notts County.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 1-4 v West Brom.  
**Top scorer (League):** John Wark 20, Paul Mariner 13, FA Cup: Wark 2, Milk Cup: Wark 1.  
**Penalty king:** Wark 1.  
**Hat-tricks:** Wark 1.  
**Average home gate:** 19,676.  
 Up or down: - 2,249.  
**Most League appearances:** Terry Butcher, John Wark, Steve McCall 42 each.



## Leeds

**Manager:** Eddie Gray.  
**Division:** Two.  
**Position:** 8th.  
**Points:** 60.  
**Goals for:** 51.  
**Against:** 46.  
**Biggest win:** 3-1 v Newcastle and Burnley.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-3 v Wolves.  
**Top scorer (League):** Aidan Butterworth 11, FA Cup: Terry Connor 2, Milk Cup: Butterworth, Connor, Frank Worthington, 1 each.  
**Penalty king:** Frank Gray 4.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 16,008.  
 Up or down: - 6,101.  
**Most League appearances:** Frank Gray 42, Paul Hart, Arthur Graham 39 each.



## Leicester

**Manager:** Gordon Milne.  
**Division:** Two.  
**Position:** 3rd.  
**Points:** 70.  
**Goals for:** 72.  
**Against:** 44.  
**Biggest win:** 6-0 v Carlisle.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 1-3 v Blackburn, Cambridge, Bolton.  
**Top scorer (League):** Gary Lineker 26, Alan Smith 13, FA Cup: Alan Smith, Ian Wilson 1 each, Milk Cup: None.  
**Penalty king:** Steve Lynex 3.  
**Hat-tricks:** Lineker 2, Lynex 1.  
**Average home gate:** 12,819.  
 Up or down: - 1,363.  
**Most League appearances:** Mark Wallington, Kevin MacDonald 42 each, John O'Neill 41.



## Lincoln

**Manager:** Colin Murphy.  
**Division:** Three.  
**Position:** 6th.  
**Points:** 76.  
**Goals for:** 77.  
**Against:** 51.  
**Biggest win:** 9-0 v Bournemouth.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 1-4 v Portsmouth, Newport.  
**Top scorer (League):** Derek Bell 23, Gordon Hobson 15, FA Cup: None, Milk Cup: Bell 3.  
**Penalty king:** Bell 10.  
**Hat-tricks:** Bell 2, Hobson 1.  
**Average home gate:** 4,749.  
 Up or down: + 527.  
**Most League appearances:** David Felgate 46, George Shipley, Trevor Peake 45 each.

# CLUB FACT FILE 1982/83



## Liverpool

**Manager:** Bob Paisley (since retired).  
**Division:** One.  
**Position:** 1st.  
**Points:** 82.  
**Goals for:** 87.  
**Against:** 37.  
**Biggest win:** 5-0 v Everton, Southampton.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-2 v Tottenham, Norwich.  
**Top scorer (League):** Ian Rush 24, Kenny Dalglish 18, FA Cup: Rush 2, Milk Cup: Rush, Mark Lawrenson, Graeme Souness, David Hodgson 2 each.  
**Penalty king:** Phil Neal 5.  
**Hat-tricks:** Rush 3, Dalglish 1.  
**Average home gate:** 34,834.  
 Up or down: - 226.  
**Most League appearances:** Bruce Grobbelaar, Neal, Alan Kennedy, Dalglish, 42 each.



## Luton Town

**Manager:** David Pleat.  
**Division:** One.  
**Position:** 18th.  
**Points:** 49.  
**Goals for:** 65.  
**Against:** 84.  
**Biggest win:** 5-0 v Brighton.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 v Everton.  
**Top scorer (League):** Brian Stein 15, Paul Walsh 13, FA Cup: Brian Horton, Walsh, Ricky Hill 1 each, Milk Cup: Lil Fucillo, Billy Kellock 2 each.  
**Penalty king:** Horton 3.  
**Hat-tricks:** Walsh 3, Stein 1.  
**Average home game:** 13,452. Up or down: + 1,572.  
**Most League appearances:** Hill 42, Walsh 41.



## Man City

**Manager:** John Benson.  
**Division:** One.  
**Position:** 20th.  
**Points:** 47.  
**Goals for:** 47.  
**Against:** 70.  
**Biggest win:** 4-1 v Norwich.  
**Heaviest defeat:** 2-5 v Liverpool.  
**Top scorer (League):** David Cross 12, Kevin Reeves 7, FA Cup: Cross, Asa Hartford 1 each, Milk Cup: Dennis Tueart, Paul Power 2 each.  
**Penalty king:** Tueart 3.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 26,792.  
 Up or down: - 7,271.  
**Most League appearances:** Reeves, Ray Ranson, Kevin Bond 40 each.



## Man Utd

**Manager:** Ron Atkinson.  
**Division:** One.  
**Position:** 3rd.  
**Points:** 70.  
**Goals for:** 56.  
**Against:** 38.  
**Biggest win:** 4-0 v Notts County, Nott'm Forest (Milk Cup).  
**Heaviest defeat:** 0-3 v Arsenal, Coventry.  
**Top scorers (League):** Frank Stapleton 14, Bryan Robson 10, FA Cup: Stapleton 3, Milk Cup: Steve Coppell 6.  
**Penalty king:** Coppell 2.  
**Hat-tricks:** None.  
**Average home gate:** 41,573.  
 Up or down: - 2,997.  
**Most League appearances:** Mike Duxbury 42, Stapleton 41.

CUT OUT AND KEEP...

**PAUL** Rideout is looking to England striker Peter Withe to guide him to international honours.

Following his £200,000 move to Villa Park the talented youngster told 'Match': "I'm a similar sort of player and he can teach me a lot.

"The manager, Tony Barton, told me I would be working closely with Peter in training and that was one of the things which influenced my decision to sign.

"He's a tremendous player and I've always admired him . . . I couldn't have a better person to give me advice and guidance."

The former Swindon starlet became the second player to be snatched by Villa from under the noses of League Champions Liverpool.

Less than a month ago Tony

Barton signed Steve McMahon from Everton when the young midfielder looked set to join their Merseyside rivals.

And the capture of 18-year-old Paul was almost a carbon copy of that deal.

Says Paul: "I had talks with Bob Paisley on the Monday and the following day I went to Villa Park. It didn't take me long to decide which was the right move.

"I was naturally flattered by Liverpool's interest — they are probably the biggest club in the country — but I felt my chances of first team football would be greater at Villa.

"With so many established players at Anfield I couldn't see myself getting in the first team for a couple of years.

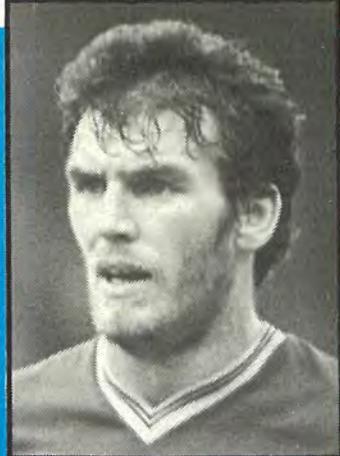
"And I was put off by the fact

that Liverpool were interested in signing Charlie Nicholas as well, although Bob Paisley told me that I wouldn't necessarily be playing reserve team football for 18 months. He said if I proved myself to be good enough I would get in.

"But I didn't rate my chances very highly and I turned them down. It was a difficult decision to make, but I didn't think the time was right to go there.

"If I can do the business at Villa and establish myself I may look to move on, and then I would love to join Liverpool. I hope they don't hold anything against me."

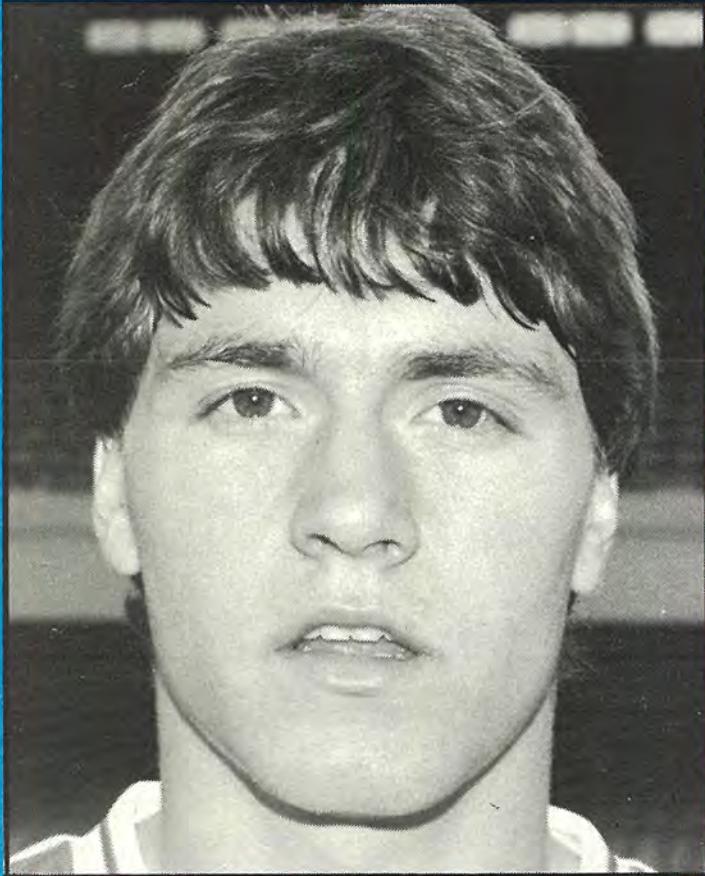
Liverpool and Villa were not the only clubs to show interest in the free-scoring youngster. Other First Division sides were in the hunt but couldn't match Tony Barton's offer.



Peter Withe — "I couldn't have a better teacher," says Paul.

# Why I turned down the Champions'

*by Villa starlet Paul Rideout*



Paul Rideout — chose Aston Villa rather than Liverpool.

And top clubs from Italy and Germany were ready to lure Paul away from England, but he says: "I didn't fancy playing abroad . . . I'm far too young.

"An agent from an Italian club contacted me and asked me if I was interested in going over there, but Villa and Liverpool were the only two offers I considered. I couldn't have had a better choice."

Paul admits that the interest shown by the First Division giants took him by surprise: "I had heard rumours earlier in the season, but never thought it was for real until a few weeks ago," he says.

"I knew Villa had been watching me last season and I thought they might be interested, but not to the extent of paying £200,000 for me."

Paul, an England youth international, made his debut for Swindon three seasons ago when he was 16. And in less than a hundred League games he has notched up 38 goals.

In his first full season, the Wiltshire club was relegated to the

Fourth Division. "That was a big disappointment for me and I didn't relish the thought of playing in Division Four," he says.

"I was very happy at Swindon and I'll always be grateful to them for giving me such a good start to my career.

"But having played in the England youth side, I am looking to make the Under-21 squad and I felt my chances of doing that at Swindon would be slim."

Paul doesn't expect to be playing regular first team football at Villa Park for a while, but says: "Tony Barton told me that if Peter Withe gets injured or is suspended, I could well get a few games next season."

"If I can get a few matches under my belt and show what I can do, I could well start the following season in the first team."

"I'm delighted to be part of such a great club. There are a lot of good youngsters here and everything is geared for success."

## WIN A FABULOUS VIDEO RECORDER

**PETER** Withe is number three in 'Masterclass' — the great colour series that gives you a chance to win a fabulous video recorder!

The third in our series of six posters — specially drawn for Match Weekly by top soccer artist Steve McGarry — appears over the page.

Three further stars — each a master of a different soccer craft — will be featured over the coming weeks to make up a marvellous collection.

And then you will have a chance to win that video!

You will be asked to answer six questions based on our 'Masterclass' series — so keep each poster safe until

the time comes.

You will need all six posters to enable you to enter so don't miss 'Match' over the next three weeks.

It's selling fast so place a regular order with your newsagent to avoid missing out. There's a special order form on Page 5 of this week's issue.

# Match weekly

# Masterclass



ASTON Villa's Peter Withe is in the mould of the traditional, English centre-forward...big, strong and a constant menace to any defence.

He's also the perfect target man, always making himself available to receive balls played from the back and then laying them off with clinical precision to create openings for team mates.

It's not a role for the faint hearted. Strength and courage are the main assets of a good front runner like Peter. He expects to take knocks. Being clattered in the back by an over-eager centre-half is an occupational hazard. But you will never find him shrinking a challenge and you can be sure he'll be in the thick of the action for 90 minutes.

It's that sort of aggression and commitment which has

made Peter a vital member of Bobby Robson's England squad,

but as he explains, there's more to the role of target man than

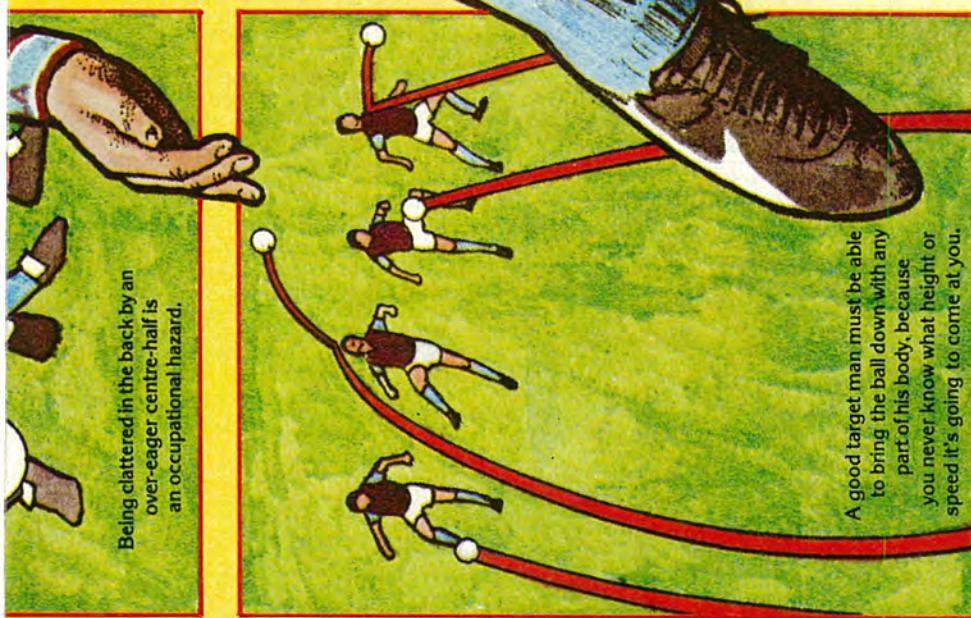
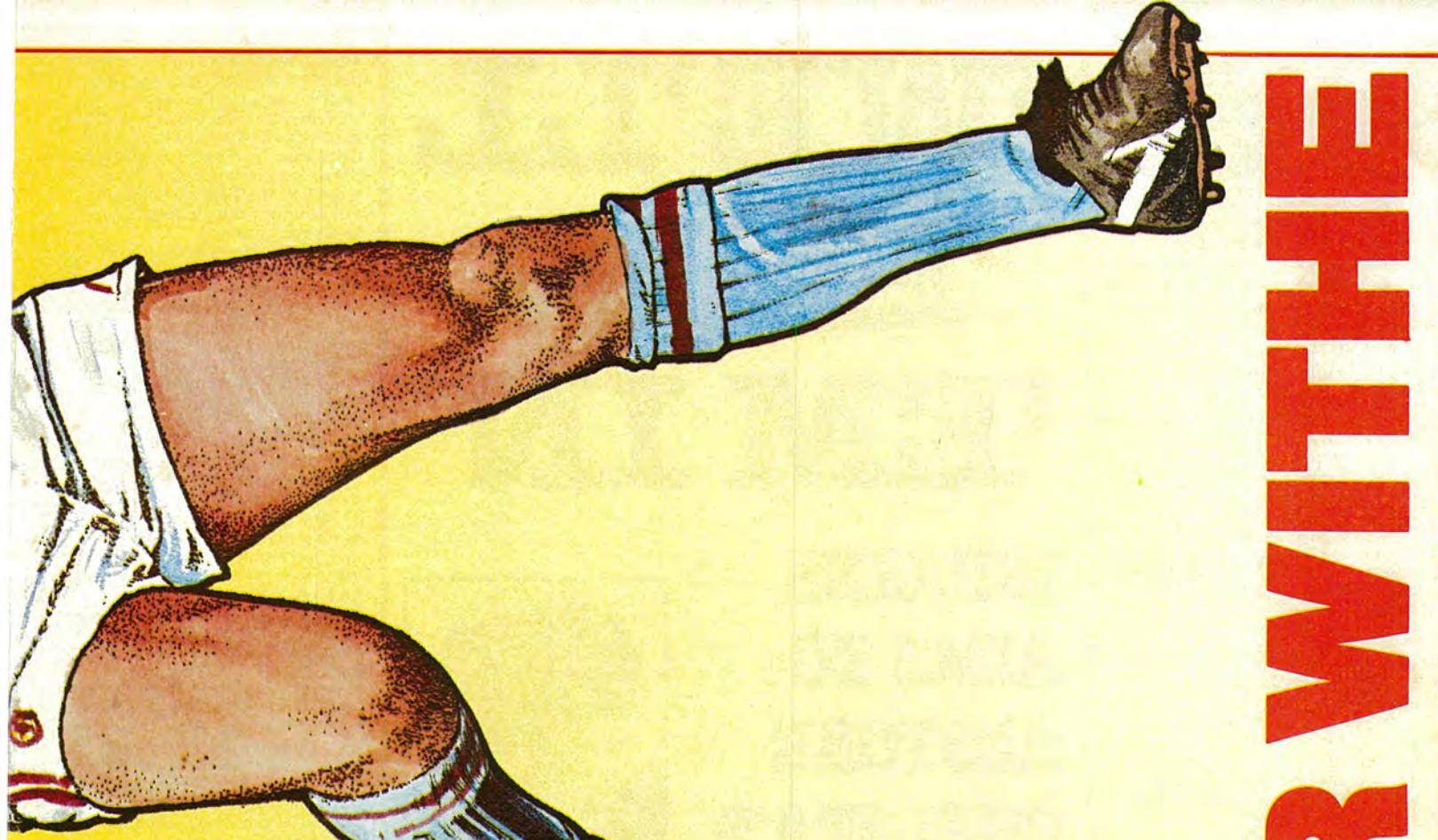
meets the eye.

"It's not just a question of shrugging off challenges to win the ball and lay it off. There are many other things to think about," he says.

"First of all you have good vision and awareness of what's going on around you, knowing where players are and assessing where the ball's going to go.

"And you have to be able to make yourself available at all times in any part of the pitch. It can be very demanding because you need to be constantly on the move, and that means keeping yourself fit.

"Once you have found space and are ready to receive the ball your skill and control is put to the test. Your first touch is crucial. If you don't



possessions may be lost and many of your team-mates caught out of position.

"A good target man must be able to bring the ball down with any part of his body, because you never know what height or speed it's going to come at you.

"It's a question of controlling the ball as quickly as possible by any means, whether it's your head, chest, thigh or feet.

"I use my chest quite a lot, especially when my supporting team mates are close by and you need to glide the ball gently and accurately into their path.

"Once you have brought the ball under control you have to make a split second decision: Do I hold it? Do I turn? Or do I lay it off straight away?

"At Villa we break out of defence quickly and when I receive the ball I'm normally looking to lay it off to one of the players supporting in midfield, either Dennis Mortimer or Gordon Cowans.

"You need to read the game well and, because you normally have your back to goal, you need other players to tell you what's going on and where they want the ball.

"Having laid the ball off it's a question of making a run into the penalty area to make yourself available a second time, get on the end of crosses and hopefully score a few goals.

"As a target man you are always going to get knocks, but you have got to be prepared to accept that as part of the job. It's a role I've played most of my career and I've enjoyed every minute of it."

VILLA centre-half Ken McNaught believes Peter Withe is the best target man in the country.

"He's a marvellous player to have in your side and he fits in great with the way we play at Aston Villa," says Ken.

"We often play the long ball out of defence and you know, if you are under pressure, Peter will make himself available.

"He's a very aggressive player, but he's got a lot of skill for a big man...and he scores a few goals. Peter's got just about everything.

"He had a great season at Villa and his partnership up front with Gary Shaw worked well. He's well worth his place in the England side."



# PETER WITHE

By Dave Smith

JOHN Hollins surveyed the empty terraces at Stamford Bridge and vowed: "We will fill them again!"

Eight years have passed since John last wore the famous blue of Chelsea. And now, as newly-appointed player-coach, he is hoping to turn back the hands of time and help restore former glories to the once-great club.

"The Bridge looks so barren with just a few thousand spectators dotted around the terraces, but the fans were there once and they will come back again," he declared.

"I remember playing in the European Fairs Cup for Chelsea against AC Milan in 1966 in front of 60,000 fans. The atmosphere was incredible and I want to see that happen again.

"The club has been in the doldrums for a few seasons but there is a strong feeling that this could be the start of a new era."

John returned to the club, where he made over 400 League appearances during a marvellous 12-year spell, at the end of the season when he was given a free transfer by Arsenal.

He says: "I'm very, very excited about going back to the club where I started by career. I couldn't have had a better move."

"It was totally unexpected but, when they approached me and asked if I was interested in going back as a player/coach, I took little or no time to decide it was the right move for me."

When 37-year-old John's contract expired at Highbury, he was confronted with a wealth of offers from clubs up and down the country.

"There were a number of 'up in the air' offers, including some from First Division clubs, which was very flattering," says John.

"But I felt that, at this stage of my career, I should look to the future — in coaching or management — rather than possibly play one more season in the top flight."

At one time, it looked as though John was set to take over the manager's job at Fourth Division Colchester. But when that fell through, Chelsea stepped in.

"It's an ideal arrangement for

# 'WE'LL PACK 'EM IN'

## HOLLINS AIMS TO RESTORE CHELSEA'S FORMER GLORIES

me because I am in a position where I can go on playing and, at the same time, pass on the knowledge I have picked up during my career.

"I have played in the First Division for 20 years, but I haven't given it up because I could be back with Chelsea next season . . . that's our aim now."

After leaving Chelsea in 1975, John had a spell at Queen's Park Rangers before moving on to Arsenal four years ago.



And he describes those years at Highbury as possibly the best of his career. "It was a great experience and I really enjoyed my stay there," he says.

"When I went to Arsenal, it was as a stand-in and I never expected to still be playing first team football after four years.

"It was great to play alongside

such great players and work with people like Terry Neill and Don Howe. I owe a lot to them."

"Every Saturday was a special occasion for me — as it was at Chelsea — and every week I got the same tingling feeling as I pulled on the Arsenal shirt and ran out onto the pitch with everyone cheering."

John finished the season at Arsenal as the supporters' 'Player of the Year', a fitting tribute with which to end his association with the club.

He says: "I have always tried to give 100 per cent and it's nice to know that your efforts have not gone unrewarded.

"I feel very proud that my name is now on the board at the club alongside some very big names and no-one can take that away from me."

John came very close to ending his spell at Highbury on an even higher note. Arsenal were only 90 minutes away from an FA Cup Final clash with Brighton but were defeated by eventual winners, Manchester United in the Semi-Final at Villa Park.

Says John, who last played in a Wembley Cup Final for Chelsea against Leeds in 1970: "It was very disappointing because to have gone to Wembley at this late stage of my career would have been marvellous."

Now he has a new challenge facing him . . . and one he relishes. "I am looking forward to working with manager John Neal and his assistant Ian McNeil, who I have a great deal of respect for," he says.

"There is great potential at Chelsea, as there has always been, and it's a case of developing that and producing a successful side."

"It won't happen overnight but we have to set out with the aim of gaining promotion next season. We have the same chance as Fulham, Newcastle and Sheffield Wednesday."

"The club has a bright future and I hope to play my part. If I enjoy the same amount of success as I have done throughout my career, I will be more than pleased."



Stamford Bridge — scene of some great days in the past . . . and it will be again if John Hollins has his way.

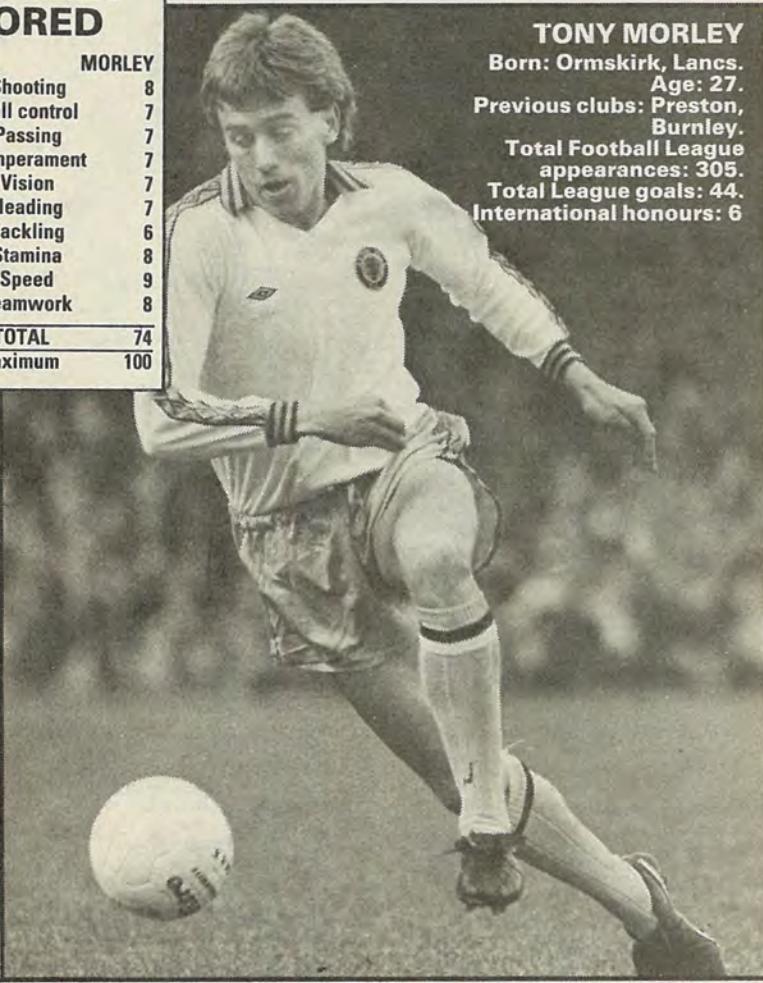
# STAR VIEW

## No 6 JOHN ROBERTSON v TONY MORLEY

### HOW THEY SCORED

ROBERTSON	MORLEY	
7	Shooting	8
9	Ball control	7
9	Passing	7
7	Temperament	7
8	Vision	7
6	Heading	7
6	Tackling	6
7	Stamina	8
8	Speed	9
9	Teamwork	8
76	TOTAL	74
100	Maximum	100

**JOHN ROBERTSON**  
Born: Uddingston, Scotland.  
Age: 30.  
Previous clubs: Nottingham Forest.  
Total Football League appearances: 386.  
Total League goals: 61.  
International honours: 26



*Kenny Swain says*

THE styles of John Robertson and Tony Morley could not be more contrasting.

Virtually the only thing they have in common is that they both operate wide on the left.

'Robbo' is a very skilful player and his ball control is excellent. He uses the qualities he has to great effect and you can always sense that something's going to happen when he gets the ball.

He's always looking to get to the by-line where he can cross a ball perfectly with either foot, from any angle.

He gives the impression of being a lazy, lethargic player, but that's not the case. He always makes himself available for a pass and his work rate is better than people give him credit for.

'Robbo' lacks the pace of Tony Morley, who is very quick across the ground.

The Villa winger also packs a powerful shot with either foot and scores a number of spectacular goals.

His only problem is inconsistency. One week he will be brilliant and the next you won't see anything of him.

When I played in Villa's Championship winning side in 1981 I rated Tony as the best wide man in the country.

But over the last couple of seasons, with the side not doing so well, he has struggled to find the form which earned him a place

in Ron Greenwood's England squad.

At the moment, I don't think he is international class. I think he needs to find a greater level of consistency if he is to get back in the England reckoning.

His Scottish counterpart, on the other hand, has been a very consistent performer over the years for club and country. That's probably down to experience.

He is a good team man, and I for one was sorry to see him leave the City Ground to join Midlands' rivals Derby.

His experience will benefit the Second Division club and I'm sure he will do a good job for Peter Taylor. Derby certainly have a better chance of winning promotion with him in the side.

He doesn't score many goals but he's always creating them. To be a goal scorer you have to be physically aggressive and John isn't that sort of player.

What he is best at is holding the ball under pressure, beating his

**WINGERS** Tony Morley of Aston Villa and John Robertson of Derby come under the 'Star View' microscope this week.

And the verdict comes from Nottingham Forest full-back Kenny Swain who has played both alongside and against our two chosen stars.

Don't miss 'Star View' every week in 'Match' — it's the series that's got everyone talking.

### TONY MORLEY

Born: Ormskirk, Lancs.  
Age: 27.  
Previous clubs: Preston, Burnley.  
Total Football League appearances: 305.  
Total League goals: 44.  
International honours: 6

man and creating openings with his precision passing.

I think he is still worthy of a place in the Scotland side and if I was in Jock Stein's shoes I would have no hesitation in picking him.

I have played against him several times in the past and he's a very tricky player to mark.

He's probably easier to pick up than Tony because he stays out wide on the left most of the time. The Villa player tends to come inside more and his turn of speed can often catch you unawares.

Tony likes to attack defenders at every opportunity and on his day is a very exciting player to watch.

He works well with Peter Withe and Gary Shaw and gives the side good balance up front. We've not seen the best of him for a while, but I expect to see a different Tony Morley next year.

Overall there's little to choose between the two wingers, but I think 'Robbo's' experience and proven consistency just give him the edge.



*The goal that won Aberdeen the Scottish Cup — Eric Black rising to head home past Rangers' Jim Bett.*

## LEADING SCORERS

### PREMIER DIVISION

- 29 — Charlie Nicholas (Celtic)
- 22 — Davie Dodds (Dundee United)
- 17 — Frank McGarvey (Celtic)
- 16 — Ralph Milne (Dundee United), Mark McGhee (Aberdeen)
- 12 — Eric Black (Aberdeen), Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen)
- 11 — Murdo MacLeod (Celtic), Brian McClair (Motherwell)
- 10 — John MacDonald (Rangers)

### FIRST DIVISION

- 26 — Brogan (St Johnstone)
- 22 — Johnston (Partick)
- 21 — Robertson (Hearts), Williamson (Clydebank)
- 17 — Coyne (Clydebank), Harris (Raith), O'Connor (Hearts)
- 15 — Fairlie (Hamilton)
- 14 — Masterton (Clyde)
- 13 — Russell (Raith)
- 12 — Miller (Airdrie), McComb (Alloa), Park (Partick)
- 11 — O'Neill (Clyde)

### SECOND DIVISION

- 10 — Blair (Dumbarton), Gilmour (Queen's Park), Pettigrew (Hearts)
- 25 — Campbell (Brechin)
- 22 — Alexander (Queen of the South)
- 21 — Colquhoun (Stirling)
- 16 — McDonald (Forfar)
- 15 — Steel (Arbroath), Murray (Stenhousemuir)
- 14 — Gavine (Arbroath), Torrance (Stirling)
- 13 — Evans (Albion), Thomson (East Fife), Hendrie (Meadowbank), Paterson (Brechin)
- 12 — Shaw (Arbroath), McIntosh (Cowdenbeath), Copeland (Montrose), Robertson (Queen of the South), Sweeney (Stranraer)

### PREMIER PENALTY KINGS

- 11 — Charlie Nicholas (Celtic)
- 7 — Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen)
- 5 — Eamonn Bannon (Dundee Utd)
- 3 — Iain Ferguson (Dundee)

*Murdo MacLeod (second right) fires home Celtic's League Cup clincher against Rangers.*

# TIGERS

**IT** was hats off to Dundee United in Scotland last season.

The team from Tannadice, who for the past two years have carried Britain's flag the furthest in the UEFA Cup, clinched their first-ever Scottish Championship from under the noses of defending champions Celtic.

At one stage it looked as though Celtic were on course for the treble, having already secured the League Cup for the first time since 1975 with a 2-1 defeat of holders Rangers back in November.

But Aberdeen ended their FA Cup hopes in the Semi-Finals, and successive League defeats at the hands of Aberdeen again and Dundee United, left the door wide open for Jim McLean's side to claim the crown on the very last

day of the season, ironically, on the ground of their close neighbours Dundee.

Aberdeen went on to retain the FA Cup in a repeat Final with Rangers, to add to their glorious triumph in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final against Real Madrid, teenager Eric Black clinching victory four minutes from the end of extra time.

Rangers had been the last Scottish team to win a European trophy 11 years earlier, but this time they could only mourn two Hampden Park defeats in the same season, the second after appearing in a record eighth successive FA Cup Final.

At the other end of the scale, Kilmarnock find themselves back in the First Division after just one

## 'GOALDEN' BOY CHARLIE

**TOP** scorer . . . hat-trick hero . . . penalty king! Scotland wonder boy Charlie Nicholas was the 'goalden' boy last season.

He finished with a staggering 44 League and Cup goals for Celtic — 29 of them scored in the Premier Division, where he finished seven ahead of the second man.

It was the third year on the trot that a Celtic player had topped the Premier Division charts.

The previous year it was George McCluskey with 21 and the year before that, when Charlie was second on 17, Frank McGarvey took the honours with 22.

Following Charlie home this time, was Dundee



*Charlie Nicholas — goalden boy.*

United's Davie Dodds whose 22 goals led the way to his club's first ever Scottish Championship.

Charlie was also spot on when it came to penalties last season — boosting his personal goal tally with 11 in the Premier Division.

Dundee United's Eamonn Bannon, the previous season's spot kick ace had to be content with third place this time.

When it came to hat-tricks it was Charlie again — topping the Premier charts with two at the expense of Motherwell and St Mirren.

And for good measure he enjoyed a four goal show against Dunfermline in the League Cup.

Two other players also scored four goals in one match — Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan and Rangers' Davie Cooper in League Cup ties against Dundee and Kilmarnock respectively.

Six other players managed a hat-trick apiece in Premier Division action — Eric Black (Aberdeen) v Celtic, Davie Dodds (Dundee United) v Morton, David Holt (Dundee United) v Kilmarnock, Bobby Thomson (Hibernian) v Kilmarnock, Brian McClair (Motherwell) v Rangers and Frank McAvinnie (St Mirren) v Motherwell.



# of TANNADICE

## DUNDEE UNITED WIN THEIR STRIPES

season in the top flight, having managed only three wins all season.

Morton join them after five years in the Premier, and, as a result, manager Benny Rooney lost his job.

Hearts are back in the Premier after just two seasons absence, accompanying First Division champions St Johnstone who were last in the big time in 1976.

*Jim Leighton — safest hands in the Scottish Premier.*

## TOP STOPPERS

ABERDEEN's Jim Leighton underlined his position as Scotland's number one last season by retaining the honour of being the Premier Division's safest goalkeeper for the third successive year.

The new international 'keeper conceded only 23 goals in 35 League matches even though Aberdeen had to be content with third place behind Dundee United and Celtic.

That represented a remarkable average of 137 minutes between each goal conceded... an improvement of 25 minutes on his winning mark the previous season.

Hamish McAlpine, veteran 'keeper in Dundee United's first-ever Championship success, pushed Celtic's Pat Bonner out of runners-up spot, also conceding less goals than the number of League games played.

Former Scotland international Alan Rough marked his first season with Hibernian by claiming fourth place, an improvement of four places on the previous season when his previous club, Partick, were relegated.

Down to the Second Division go Dunfermline, for the second time in seven years, and Queen's Park after just two seasons in the First. Replacing them are Division Two champions Brechin City, who will be playing First Division football for the first time, and Meadowbank, who achieved promotion for the first time since their formation in 1974.

### HONOURS LIST IN SCOTLAND

Premier Division  
Champions — Dundee United  
Runners-up — Celtic  
Relegated — Morton, Kilmarnock

First Division  
Champions — St Johnstone  
Runners-up — Hearts  
Relegated — Dunfermline,  
Queen's Park

Second Division  
Champions — Brechin  
Runners-up — Meadowbank

Scottish Cup  
Winners — Aberdeen  
Runners-up — Rangers

League Cup  
Winners — Celtic  
Runners-up — Rangers

## SCOTTISH RESULTS GUIDE 82-83

### SCOTTISH PREMIER RESULTS GUIDE

	ABERDEEN	CELTIC	DUNDEE	DUNDEE UTD	HIBERNIAN	KILMARNOCK	MORTON	MOTHERWELL	RANGERS	ST MIRREN
ABERDEEN	1-2 1-0	1-0 3-1	5-1 1-2	2-0 5-0	2-0 5-0	4-1 2-0	2-1 3-0	2-1 3-0	1-2 2-0	4-0 0-1
CELTIC	1-3 1-3	2-0 2-2	2-0 2-3	2-0 4-0	2-1 4-0	5-1 2-0	3-1 3-0	3-1 3-0	3-2 0-0	5-0 1-1
DUNDEE	0-2 0-2	2-3 2-1	0-2 1-2	2-1 0-1	5-2 0-0	2-0 3-3	3-1 3-1	1-0 2-1	1-0 2-5	1-1 2-5
DUNDEE UTD	2-0 0-3	2-2 1-1	1-0 5-3	3-0 4-0	7-0 1-1	6-0 4-0	5-0 4-0	4-2 3-1	4-2 3-1	3-0 3-2
HIBERNIAN	1-1 0-0	2-3 0-3	1-1 0-0	0-0 0-0	2-2 8-1	1-2 2-0	1-0 1-1	0-0 1-2	0-0 1-1	0-0 1-1
KILMARNOCK	0-2 1-2	0-4 0-5	0-0 2-0	1-1 0-5	1-1 0-2	3-1 4-0	0-2 1-1	0-0 0-1	0-0 0-1	2-2 2-2
MORTON	1-1 1-2	1-2 0-3	1-2 0-4	0-0 0-1	0-0 3-0	0-0 3-0	0-0 0-1	0-0 0-1	0-0 0-5	2-0 0-2
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RANGERS	0-1 2-1	1-2 2-4	1-1 1-1	0-0 2-1	3-2 1-1	5-0 1-1	4-0 2-0	4-0 1-0	1-0 4-0	1-0 4-0
ST MIRREN	1-1 1-1	1-2 0-1	0-0 1-2	0-2 3-0	3-0 2-0	3-2 2-3	1-1 2-3	3-0 4-0	2-2 1-0	2-0 1-0

### 'KEEPERS TABLE

The first column in the table shows the number of games played. The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column is the average number of minutes' play between each goal.

For instance, Dundee's Jim Kelly conceded, on average, one goal every 66 minutes in Premier Division games.

Only Premier Division matches have been used in the compilation of this table and only goalkeepers who played at least twenty games qualified for inclusion.

• The figures in brackets refer to last season.

### SCOTTISH PREMIER TOP STOPPERS

Pos	Player	Games	Goals conceded	Average mins between each goal
1 (1)	Jim Leighton (Aberdeen)	35 (36)	23 (29)	137 (112)
2 (3)	Hamish McAlpine (Dundee Utd)	36 (35)	35 (37)	93 (85)
3 (2)	Pat Bonner (Celtic)	36 (36)	36 (33)	90 (88)
4 (8)	Alan Rough (Hibernian)	24 (36)	32 (59)	67 (55)
5 (—)	Jim Kelly (Dundee)	35 (—)	48 (—)	66 (—)
6 (6)	Billy Thomson (St Mirren)	35 (35)	51 (48)	62 (66)
7 (8)	Roy Baines (Morton)	33 (36)	67 (54)	44 (60)
8 (—)	Hugh Sproat (Motherwell)	20 (—)	43 (—)	42 (—)
9 (—)	Alan McCulloch (Kilmarnock)	35 (—)	86 (—)	37 (—)

(Rangers didn't have a goalkeeper that qualified)

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Accrington programmes, from their final season in the League, are fetching between £7.50 and £8 each.

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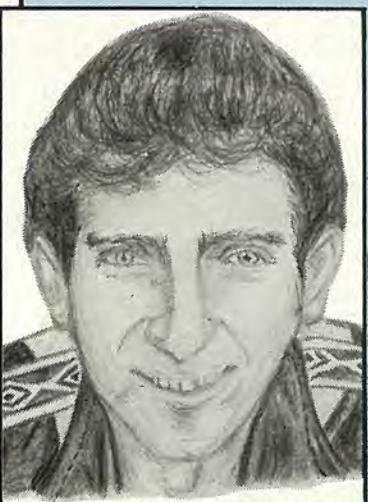
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Joe Jordan (right) is "fearless" says Ryan Adams (10), of Loch Eck, Scotland.



MARTIN Black (15) says Newcastle's Imre Varadi has amazing speed and goal scoring ability and was a great buy at £125,000: "Everton made a big mistake letting him go," says Martin of Edinburgh.

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BACK ROW (left to right) — Terry Yorath (assistant manager), Garry Watson, Neil Ramsbottom (now released), Ian Mellor, Peter Jackson, Eric McManus, Bobby Campbell, Cyril Podd, Brian Edwards (physio).

FRONT ROW — John Black (now released), Stuart McCall, Mark Ellis, Phil Cavener (was on loan from Burnley), Trevor Cherry (player-manager), Greg Abbott, Les Chapman (now released), Terry Gray, Steve Lampkin. INSET: Joe Cooke.

IT was a stupid idea to stage the European Cup Winners' Cup Final in Gothenburg. Only a meagre 17,000 people turned up to watch Aberdeen beat Real Madrid.

Surely it would be a better idea, once the finalists have been decided, to toss a coin so that one of the competing teams can stage the final in their national stadium.

This would guarantee a bigger crowd, a better atmosphere and more revenue.

Andrew Page, Wednesbury, West Midlands.

WELL DONE Luton! The players and management staff should be proud of the way they battled through the last few matches of the season to escape relegation from the First Division.

Manager David Pleat has bought some brilliant players — Paul Walsh, Paul Elliott and Trevor Aylott. And every one of Pleat's men played like heroes at Maine Road in the relegation decider against Manchester City.

I feel sorry for City — who have to play Second Division football next season — but I'm sure they will bounce straight back up into the top flight.

Matthew Hall (14), Hulcote, Milton Keynes.

• I DON'T share your confidence. Next season's Second Division looks like being ultra-competitive.

NIGEL Spink, Aston Villa's superb young goalkeeper, deserves congratulations for winning a place in England's squad to tour Australia.

He has done particularly well this season since taking over from Jimmy Rimmer and put up a wonderful display of goalkeeping at Liverpool, saving Phil Neal's twice-taken penalty.

Nigel, stand-in hero for Aston Villa in the 1982 European Cup Final, has developed into one of the best young 'keepers in the country.

Steven Opie, Rugeley, Staffs.



Nigel Spink — deserves congratulations.

CONGRATULATIONS to Aberdeen on beating strong favourites Real Madrid 2-1 in the Final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

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Alex Ferguson's men showed

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## Fulham blew their chance

FULHAM have only themselves to blame for not winning a place in the First Division.

With ten matches to go in the Second Division, third-placed Fulham had a lead of seven points with a game in hand over Leicester City.

Fulham boss Malcolm Macdonald should be kicking himself for allowing his team to squander an advantage like that.

Of course it is desperately unlucky for Fulham that their last game of the season was shortened because of the Derby fans' invasion, but this controversial incident only hides the fact that Fulham threw away a place in the top flight.

Full marks to Leicester for battling on in what looked like a hopeless cause, to snatch promotion at the death.

Paul Petry (14), Carlisle, Cumbria.

great character and fully deserved their night of glory. Scotland — and Britain — has a team to be proud of.

Mark Hayes (14), Mill Hill, London.

I CAN understand Malcolm Macdonald's disappointment on hearing the League's decision to allow the result of the Derby-Fulham match to stand.

The rules state that 90 minutes of regulation time must be played. This was not the case. The referee called off the match because of a crowd invasion with 78 seconds still to play.

So the League committee, known for their strict allegiance to the rule book, have made a decision that flies in the face of the code of the game. Rules are made to be followed — not broken.

Evan MacDonald, Inverness, Scotland.

### • ANY relation?

AFTER the League's decision to let Derby's 1-0 win over Fulham stand — thereby promoting Leicester to the First Division — I was shocked to hear what Fulham boss Malcolm Macdonald said about the matter.

He said that unless Fulham were allowed to replay the game, because a minute and a half were lost from the original match because of crowd trouble, this would mean football was accepting "the rule of the mob".

Surely this is wrong. If the match was replayed, it would mean that any fans could invade the pitch if their side was losing with every hope of getting a re-match.

Jason Chapman, Enderby, Leics.

## GOLDEN GOOF

"SURELY Arsenal would have to offer more than one pound to tempt Charlie Nicholas away from Celtic," says David Hodges of Leominster, Herefordshire, who spotted this Golden Goof.

By JACK STEGGLES  
CELTIC shooting star Charlie Nicholas was in London last night talking over a possible £1 move to Arsenal.

I EXPECT that the four bottom teams in the Fourth Division will be re-elected when the football chairmen meet.

This old pals' act should be stopped. The top team in the Alliance Premier League should automatically step into the Football League.

And the team to drop out should be the one that seeks re-election more often than the others.

Richard Gosling, Rugby, Warwickshire.

I WAS delighted with my FA Cup Final souvenir issue of 'Match'. A great amount of work had been put into it, to provide terrific information and pictures about Brighton and Manchester United.

The pictures and stories of

Aberdeen's European Cup Winners' Cup Final victory over Real Madrid were also very good.

Thanks, 'Match'.  
Mark Blackshaw (13), Canvey Island, Essex.

EVER since Peter Taylor's move to the Baseball Ground, things have been going great for Derby County.

When Taylor split up his partnership with Brian Clough, the critics doubted Peter's ability to go it alone. He has proved them wrong by engineering Derby's escape from relegation and restoring the faith of the Derby fans.

Who can forget Derby's famous FA Cup victory over Nottingham Forest last season? The atmosphere was electric.

Now that Derby have signed John Robertson from Forest, the fans will be expecting great things next season.

Liz Beeston, Nottingham.

WESLEY MELLOR got it all wrong when he said in 'Terrace Talk' that Italian football lacked entertainment.

Having spent the last two years in Italy, I think Italian players are the most skilful in Europe and their League is both competitive and entertaining. Italian clubs have the highest attendances in Europe so the football can't be that bad.

The performances of Juventus in this season's European Cup and Italy in last year's World Cup Finals proved that Italian footballers are both skilful and entertaining.

Dino Scotece, Jacksdale, Nottingham.

I WAS absolutely delighted when Ray Wilkins scored a brilliant solo goal — one of the finest Cup Final goals ever — in the first meeting between Manchester United and Brighton.

It gives the United fans — who had been jeering him earlier in the season — something to think about!

Eileen Salkeld, Burnley, Lancs.



Ray Wilkins — gave United fans something to think about at Wembley.

# LARIOS UP FOR GRABS

JEAN-FRANCOIS Larios, the brilliant French midfielder who has been sought by Arsenal for the last two years, could be on the move again in the summer.

Larios, who left St. Etienne for Atletico Madrid in the winter saying he would "never come back to France" is likely to move to England, Germany or Switzerland because his Spanish club cannot keep up their payments on the £500,000 deal.

The 27-year-old powerhouse and one-time friend of Michel Platini until they fell out over personal matters, is now at the centre of a tug-of-war between the most powerful men at Atletico Madrid.

Many of the club's directors think that his old knee injury cannot stand up to top football and advise letting him go even though he has not yet played in anything other than the club's nursery side, because the first team already has its two foreigners.

But club president Vicente Calderon wants to fight them all the way to keep Larios, once thought to be the new Johann Neeskens.

## FILLIOL SURVIVES CLEAR-OUT

VETERAN World Cup goalkeeper Ubaldo Filliol is the only survivor of the team created by Cesar Menotti in the first squad announced by new Argentine boss Carlos Bilardo.

But Bilardo admits that men such as former captain Daniel Passarella and Diego Maradona will be re-called for big games.

Two players well known to British fans have crept into favour with the new manager — Alex Sabella (once with Leeds) and former Sunderland player Claudio Marangoni.

FORMER Birmingham star Alberto Tarantini and goalkeeper Ubaldo Filliol — both World Cup winners with Argentina — could leave their club, River Plate.

The goalkeeper is holding out for outstanding payments, while Alberto wants a signing on fee said to be in excess of £40,000.

If he doesn't get the extra money he has said he'll take his chance with a free transfer.

HERMANN Neuberger, chairman of the World Cup organising committee, is proposing major changes for the 1986 Finals.

If accepted, the major changes would see a knockout system introduced from the quarter-final stage. The decider for third and fourth place would be dropped.



Jean Francois Larios — once sought by Arsenal and could be on the move now.

● HAMBURG have signed a £300,000 replacement for Horst Hrubesch in Dieter Schatzschneider — a 25-year-old from Hanover.

Score of more than 30 goals this season he is tipped for international honours.

Meanwhile West German international midfielder Hansi Muller looks set to leave Inter Milan now the club have announced their decision to try and sign the brilliant Brazilian midfielder Toninho Cerezo.

● A 1-0 away win over Portimonense won Benfica the Portuguese title for the 25th time — consolation for their defeat at the hands of Anderlecht in the UEFA Cup Final.

● MONEY flows like the oil in Kuwait.

Kadzija have signed ex-Yugoslavian national coach Miljan Miljanic . . . and his salary is £18,500 tax free PER MONTH!



● VOLENDAM, home club of Arnold Muhren, are chasing both Johnny Rep and Rob Rensenbrink after achieving promotion to the Dutch First Division.

Also after Rep, on a free transfer from St. Etienne, are AZ 67, FC Basle and his old club Bastia.

## BRADY CHIPS IN WITH THAT...

EIRE international Liam Brady raised a few eyebrows in Italy by claiming that his Sampdoria team-mate Trevor Francis is a better player than Juventus star Paolo Rossi.

The former Arsenal playmaker, who has been in good form himself, came out with that praise for the England striker, after being asked his opinions about the stars of Juventus.

Said Liam, who won two Italian League Championships with

Juventus before moving to Sampdoria:

"Michel Platini is much stronger on the ball than I am, but Trevor Francis is a much better player than Paolo Rossi."

Trevor, who has finished the season in a blaze of glory after earlier injury problems, explains his final burst of goals by saying:

"I am now getting much more used to the type of defenders I meet regularly in Italy and I am learning the tricks of the trade."

## HOW THEY STAND IN EUROPE

### ITALY

Division One  
(final table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	30	16	11	3	47	24	43
Juventus	30	15	10	5	52	27	40
Inter Milan	30	11	15	4	41	26	37
Verona	30	11	13	6	37	31	35
Fiorentina	30	12	10	8	36	25	34
Udinese	30	6	20	4	25	29	32
Sampdoria	30	8	15	7	31	30	31
Torino	30	9	12	9	30	28	30
Avellino	30	8	12	10	29	34	28
Naples	30	7	14	9	22	29	28
Genoa	30	6	15	9	34	38	27
Pisa	30	8	11	11	27	27	27
Ascoli	30	9	9	12	32	37	27
Cagliari	30	6	14	10	23	33	26
Cesena	30	4	14	12	22	35	22
Catanzaro	30	2	9	19	21	56	13

Division Two  
(four games to play)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AC Milan	34	16	15	3	69	32	47
Catania	34	12	16	6	32	17	40
Lazio	34	12	16	6	38	28	40
Cremonese	34	12	16	6	36	26	40

## FRANCE

(leading positions with three games to play)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nantes	35	22	9	4	70	25	53
Bordeaux	35	20	7	8	64	42	47
Paris S.G.	35	18	7	10	59	44	43
Lens	35	17	7	11	59	50	41
Laval	35	14	12	9	39	39	40

## HOLLAND

(final table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	34	26	6	2	106	41	58
Feyenoord	34	22	10	2	72	37	54
PSV Eindhoven	34	21	9	4	80	34	51
Groningen	34	11	15	8	67	57	37
Sparta	34	12	13	9	64	52	37
Roda	34	13	9	12	56	52	35
Haarlem	34	13	9	12	49	53	35
Sittard	34	11	11	12	41	48	33
Excelsior	34	13	6	15	44	47	32
Utrecht	34	11	9	14	51	57	31
AZ 67	34	12	8	14	50	39	30
Go Ahead	34	9	11	14	44	59	29
PEC Zwolle	34	10	7	17	40	58	27
Willem II	34	9	8	17	49	62	26
Helmond Sp.	34	8	10	16	44	70	26
Twente	34	7	11	16	36	60	25
NAC Breda	34	6	12	16	39	75	24
NEC Nijmegen	34	4	14	16	34	61	22

## W. GERMANY

(three games to play)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburg	31	18	11	2	70	30	47
Werder Bremen	31	20	6	5	67	35	46
Stuttgart	31	17	8	6	71	43	42
Bayern Munich	31	16	9	6	67	26	41
Kaiserslautern	31	14	12	5	51	35	40
Cologne	31	15	9	7	63	37	39
B. Dortmund	31	16	6	9	70	47	38
Frankfurt	31	12	5	14	47	48	29
Bielefeld	31	11	6	14	42	64	28
Bochum	31	7	12	12	35	44	26
Nuremberg	31	10	6	15	39	61	26
Leverkusen	31	8	9	14	37	60	25
B. Gladbach	31	10	4	17	53	55	24
Brunswick	31	7	10	14	33	58	24
Karlsruhe	31	7	6	18	36	77	20
Hertha Berlin	31	5	9	17	37	57	19
Schalke 04	31	6	8	19	44	66	18

LEADING SCORERS: Voeller (Werder Bremen) 21; Allgoewer (Stuttgart); Rummenigge (Bayern) 18; Littbarski (Cologne) 16.

## UNITED STATES

Eastern Division

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts	
Cosmos	6	4	2	3	19	9	37
Toronto	3	2	1	6	4	18	
Montreal	4	2	2	9	11	18	
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Southern Division

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Tempe Bay	5	2	3	9	12	20
Team America	2	2	0	2	0	14
Tulsa	5	1	4	7	14	13
Fort Lauderdale	5	1	4	5	10	11

Western Division

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Vancouver	4	4	0	7	1	31
Seattle	4	1	3	2	5	8
Golden Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	0	0	0

# SOCER'S CASTAWAYS DIVISION THREE

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**Doncaster:** Terry Austin, Graham Cawthorne, Hugh Dowd, Gary Liddell, Peter Johnson, Jimmy Mann, Stuart Robertson, Stewart Mell.  
**Exeter:** John Delfe, Dave Pullar, Lee Roberts, John Sparrow, Aidan Gibson, Pete Shepherd.  
**Gillingham:** Neil Grewcock, Gary Sutton.  
**Huddersfield:** Tim Hotte, Martin Coupe, Peter Valentine, Mark Ratcliffe.  
**Lincoln:** Colin Brazier, Ernie Moss, Stuart Hibberd.  
**Millwall:** Austin Hayes, Sam Allardice.  
**Newport:** Grant Davies, Steve Emery, Billy Fleming, Dave Gwyther, Kevin Moore, Gary Plumley, Ian Watson.  
**Orient:** Barry Silkman, Mark Blackhall, Jamie Mankelow, John Bolle.  
**Oxford:** David Linney, Paul Spittle.  
**Plymouth:** Tony Dennis, Neil Hards, Tyrone James.  
**Portsmouth:** No fees.  
**Preston:** Graham Bell, Alex Bruce, Gary Buckley, Glen Campbell, Gordon Coleman, Michael Farrelly, Alan Gowling, Neil Hanson, Gary Hough, Graham Houston, Chris Hunter, John Kelly, Peter Litchfield, Willie Naughton, Donald O'Riordan, Peter Sayer, Mark Walsh, Simon Westwell.  
**Reading:** Brian Bason, Pat Earles (retiring), Mick Kearney (retiring), Gary Donnellan, Mike Doherty.  
**Sheffield United:** Stewart Houston, Geoff Dey, Jeff King.  
**Southend:** Murray Jones, Steve Butler, Alan Moody, Derek Spence.  
**Walsall:** Julian Marshal, David Arthur, Ollie Kearns, Steve Round, Duncan Ross, Colin Caddick, Don Penn, Kenny Beach.  
**Wigan:** David Glenn, Jimmy Weston, Kevin Sheldon, Les Bradd, John McMahon.  
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# DIVISION FOUR

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**Bristol City:** Errington Kelly, Nyrere Kelly.  
**Bury:** John Platt, Steve Kenworthy, Tommy Gore, Franny Firth, Stuart Barker, Paul Cruickshank, Bruce Halliday, John Breckin, Mark Hilton.  
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**Wimbledon:** No fees.  
**York:** Richard Dawson.

'Match' brings you an informative guide to all the end of season free transfers in Division's Three and Four... spotlighting the one time Manchester United hopeful forced to pack his bags.



Manchester United's Alan Davies in action against Brighton defender Graham Pearce during the FA Cup Final replay at Wembley.



Alex Bruce — among 18 players freed by Preston.

# SLOAN LEAVES ENGLAND SAYING:

TOM Sloan watched enviously as Welsh sensation Alan Davies picked up an FA Cup winners medal and admitted: "It could have been me."

The blond midfielder turned his back on Manchester United a year ago to join Fourth Division Chester. Now he wishes he hadn't.

As Tom packs his bags and prepares to return home to Northern Ireland he is left to reflect on what might have been, if he had accepted manager Ron Atkinson's offer of another contract.

"Alan and I played together in the United reserves. We had very similar roles in midfield. As I saw him at Wembley, I couldn't help thinking that I could have been there instead of him."

"I left United because I wanted regular first team football. It didn't look as though I had a future at the club. I was fed up with the reserves."

"Now I wish I had been more patient," says 23-year-old Tom, who has been released by Chester on a free transfer.

"The ironic thing is that Alan was given a free by Dave Sexton, but Ron Atkinson decided to keep him on when he arrived at the club."

The young Welsh international was drafted into United's FA Cup Final team in place of the injured Steve Coppell and was one of the stars over two thrilling games at Wembley.

"I'm very happy for Alan because he is a very skilful player and he deserves a chance of some success."

Alan's heady rise to the top — including a full Welsh cap — is in stark contrast to his team-mate's fortunes. Tom is going part-time with Linfield and will work in his brother's plastering business.

"Things just didn't work out for me in England. I've enjoyed my

## Pen Pals

I AM a 19-year-old Liverpool fan and would like a female pen pal between 18 and 20 years old who also supports the 'Reds'.  
 John Faloon, 26 Loanda Crescent, Newry, Co. Down, N. Ireland BT35 8EZ.

I AM a 16-year-old Ipswich fan, my favourite player is Paul Mariner and I would like a pen pal who regularly goes to Portman Road. Janie McGleavey, 24 College Crescent, Falkirk, Scotland.

# 'I could have been a Wembley winner'

spell here, but I'm happy to be going home," says Tom, who was signed by United as an 18-year-old.

Tom believes he's a victim of football's financial crisis and he predicts that players in the Fourth Division could soon be forced to go part-time.

He says: "Although I didn't have a great season at Chester, I didn't let anyone down. The club had to let me go because they couldn't afford me.

"I was the second highest paid player on the staff. They needed to cut costs so they didn't renew my contract.

"It's all about money these days. If United had told me to go I could

have understood it, but it really knocks your confidence when a Fourth Division team releases you."

Tom reckons he will be better off at Linfield and he says: "At least I've got a chance of winning trophies and the club are also in Europe next season. I wouldn't have had any of that at Chester.

"One thing I am really pleased about is that I won't be under pressure any more. Football is a very insecure profession. You never know what is around the corner.

"I could have signed a year's contract with another English club and found myself in exactly the same position at the end of next season.

## Mortgage

"Now I know that my job is safe and I don't have to worry about paying the mortgage," adds Tom, who is getting married in the close season.

"When I was with United I never worried about money. My experiences in the Fourth Division have taught me so much about how the other half live."

Tom is also hoping that a move to Linfield will revive his international career. He has been capped three times, but his last international appearance was against Denmark in 1979.

"There are one or two Irish League players in the international squad — Glentoran's Gerry Mullan played in the recent British Championships.

"Manager Billy Bingham regularly comes to Windsor Park to watch Linfield so I must stand a better chance than I did at Chester."



Tom Sloan — going home to Northern Ireland after being released by Chester on a free transfer.

● TWO years ago Don Penn was voted Midlands 'Young Player of the Year'. Now the striker has been freed by Walsall after playing just five League games and scoring three goals last season.

● THIRD Division Preston have left themselves with a full-time staff of just six players after giving frees to 18 in a massive clear-out. Names of top players released include former leading scorer Alex Bruce and former Manchester United star Alan Gowling.

● THREE players — Bill Green (Chesterfield), Ian Griffiths (Tranmere) and Jimmy Weston (Wigan) — finished the season as their supporters' club 'Player of the Year' ... and were released on free transfers!

● FORMER England international Stan Bowles is one of five players released by Third Division Brentford. The controversial midfield star, who has played for QPR, Nottingham Forest and Manchester City, was capped five times.



Stan Bowles — freed by Brentford.

I AM a 16-year-old Londoner. I would like a female pen pal (aged 15-17) who supports Arsenal or QPR and who likes new British music.

Andrew Rees, 36 Quentin Road, Robertsham 2091, Johannesburg, Rep. of S. Africa.

I'M a 17-year-old Liverpool and Aston Villa fan. I also like Feyenoord, Juventus, Celtic and Flamengo. I'd like a pen pal of my own age. All letters will be answered.

Carsten Alt, Herenstraat 183, 6004XH Weerf, Netherlands.

WE'RE two 13-year-old girls who support Liverpool and Aberdeen. We enjoy most sports, writing letters and listening to our favourite groups — Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, Madness and Depeche Mode. Preferably we would like boy pen pals.

Julie Drysdale, 2 Hunter Terrace, Hawick, Roxburgh, Scotland; Kendra Thomson, 2 Wilton Mill, Hawick, Roxburgh, Scotland.

I'M 15-years-old, support Spurs and would like a pen pal who supports any team.

Rene Stange, Elledevej 8, 4400 Kalundborg, Raklev, Denmark.

MY favourite team is Spurs and Glenn Hoddle's my top player. I am 14-years-old, football crazy and would like a male pen pal aged between 15 and 17.

Mandy Skilbeck, 21 Overgreen View, Burniston, Scarborough, N. Yorks.

I AM 15-years-old and support Liverpool. My favourite players are Kenny Dalglish and Sammy Lee. I would like to hear from any female Liverpool supporter aged between 15 and 17.

Clive Gerred, 169 Luton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 3BN.

I'M a Liverpool fan from Singapore and would like pen pals from other countries who support other teams.

Eddy Poon, Block 100, Lorong 1, Toa Poujoh, 14-277, Singapore 1231.

I AM a 17-year-old Dutch boy and would like a pen pal (male or female) who supports Spurs.

Jeroen Jansen, Hondsbos 51, 2036 KR, Haarlem, Holland.

## Pen Pals

# Bring on the

MATCH previews Wales' prestige clash with Brazil in Cardiff on Sunday ... through the eyes of regular columnist and Scotland skipper Graeme Souness, a player who has experienced the brilliance of the Brazilians at first hand.

**BRAZIL** are the best team in the world and they'll be out to prove it on their European tour.

That's why I can't really give the Welshmen a hope of containing the brilliant Brazilians at Cardiff on Sunday. No British team can come close to them. Even England would get whacked if they played them.

Despite missing the marvellous midfield skills of Zico and attacking full-back Junior, they have too much all-round talent and they should quash the Welsh dragons' fire.

When they beat us 4-1 in Seville

in last year's World Cup Finals I was convinced that they would go on and win the competition. It was only their arrogance and willingness to attack that let them down.

They were drawing with Italy and that result would have been enough to have taken them to the last four. But they kept streaming forward and paid the penalty by conceding a goal.

In fact that 3-2 defeat was their last, so that just goes to show how determined they are to prove themselves.

It was a great experience for me to play against them. Liverpool are regarded as the best team in the country and yet Brazil showed me just how far we've got to go to match their skills.

In the first half we matched them and even went a goal up when Dundee United's David Narey scored. But after the interval they over-ran us and were deserved winners.

The conditions told on our players in the end. Brazilians are used to hot, humid conditions and their fitness showed.

That's another reason why I think they'll do well in Wales. They are coming to Ninian Park in the summer and the pitch should be hard and the weather hot. They play in those conditions at home.

Although they have some tremendous individuals they are also great as a team. There isn't one member of the side who can't use the ball. It's as if they were born with it at their feet.

In this country defenders defend and the attacking is usually left to the midfielders and strikers. That's not the case with the Brazilians.

They use their ten outfield players to maximum effect. It's not unusual to see their centre-half in a

*Above: Flashback to the World Cup Finals . . . brilliant Russian goalkeeper Dasaev is beaten by a fantastic shot from Socrates.*

*Right: Striker Eder — one of the star names on Brazil's European tour.*

## BRAZILIAN SQUAD

### BRAZILIAN SQUAD Goalkeepers

LEAO (Corinthians)  
JOAO MARCOS (Palmiras)

### Defenders

BETAO (Recife)  
EDSON (Ponte Preta)  
MARCIO (Santos)  
LUISINHO (Athletico Mineiro)  
TONINHO CARLOS (Santos)

### Midfielders

PEDRINO (Vasco de Gama)  
VLADIMIR (Corinthians)  
BATISTA (Internacional, Porto Alegro)  
SOCRATES (Corinthians)  
PIETA (Santos)  
BORGES (Santos)

### Strikers

PAOLO ISIDORO (Santos)  
CARECA (Sao Paulo FC)  
EDER (Athletico Mineiro)  
JOAO PAULO (Santos)  
ROBERTO (Vasco de Gama)  
RENATO (Sao Paulo FC)

### WALES v BRAZIL (past meetings)

1958* 19 June Gothenburg	0-1
1962 12 May Rio de Janeiro	1-3
1962 16 May Sao Paolo	1-3
1966 14 May Rio de Janeiro	1-3
1966 18 May Belo Horizonte	0-1

\*World Cup

**BRAZIL'S** first game under the charge of new manager Carlos Alberto Parreira (39) — the man who led Kuwait to last summer's World Cup Finals — ended in a 3-2 defeat for Chile. The goalscorers were Careca, Eder and Renato and the game was played in Rio de Janeiro before a crowd of 54,000.



WHEN Wales takes on Brazil their regular skipper Peter Nicholas will be thousands of miles away.

The Arsenal midfield star misses one of the most glamorous matches in his country's history, because he will be on a club tour of Indonesia.

And he admits: "I'm very disappointed. To play against Brazil is a once in a lifetime experience. They are the best team in the world.

"You hear so much about players like Socrates, Eder and Luisinho. It would have been great to see how I got on against them.

"It's a real scoop for Wales and a tremendous draw for the fans. I'm sure Brazil will want to show us what they can do. They won't have come this far to defend. Anyway that's not their style."

As well as Peter it looks likely that Wales will be missing Tottenham's Paul Price, Kenny Jackett of Watford and Swansea's Robbie James, who will all be on duty with their clubs.

Despite that, Peter still believes

# Brazilians!

## says Graeme Souness

forward position. They all love to go forward and that makes it very difficult to mark them.

From the fans' point of view the absence of Zico and Junior is disappointing. Zico is good at everything. He can deliver the inch perfect pass and is so strong on the ball. He scored a classic goal against us.

Junior acts as an extra forward because he's so often up the field helping the attack.

But star names like Socrates, Luisinho, Eder and Isidoro will be there and they should serve up a feast of attacking football.

Skipper Socrates is a real character as well as an accomplished player. He admits to smoking 60 cigarettes a day, is a fully qualified doctor and recently became a director of his club, Corinthians.

But it's on the pitch where he's earned his reputation. He is a very elegant player and scorer of some amazing goals. I've got a very special memento of Socrates. After our game I swapped shirts with him and it's a souvenir I'll always cherish.

It's interesting to note that World Cup goalkeeper Waldir Perez isn't making the trip. I don't know whether he has been dropped but he didn't have a happy time in Spain.

But the 'keeper's position must be the last of manager Carlos Alberto Perreira's problems. They

go forward that much that the number one is hardly ever in action.

Eder, another of the players who scored against us, is in the squad and I'll never forget his fantastic goal against the Russians. It was a brilliant individual effort. He was running with the ball and flicked it up before crashing a super shot past Dasaev.

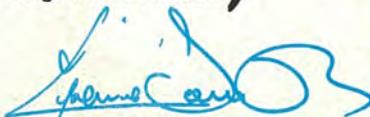
I believe Wales' only chance is to stick together and try and match them for effort for the entire 90 minutes. They mustn't stand off and let them play.

It's no good Mike England's men playing as individuals, otherwise the Brazilians will just tear them apart.

The match is going to be a great experience for the young players in the Welsh team. They are sure to pick up so much by just being on the same pitch. Wales have a fantastic opportunity to learn.

I'd love to play against the Brazilians again. It would be interesting to see how we fared in conditions that suited us.

The Brazilians will treat Sunday as an exhibition match. There's no pressure on them so they'll want to show the crowd the full repertoire of their skills. It should be great for the fans!



● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Colourful Brazilian captain Socrates.

### BRAZIL'S RECORD AGAINST OTHER HOME COUNTRY OPPosition (1908-1983)

ENGLAND stand alone as the only home country side to have beaten Brazil since the year 1908!

And that was way back in 1956 when England won 4-2 at Wembley.

Here are the facts:

#### Brazil v England

Played 12; won 7; drawn 4; lost 1.

Biggest win: 5-1 (Rio de Janeiro, 1964)

#### Brazil v Scotland

Played 6; won 4; drawn 2; lost 0.

Biggest win: 4-1 (Seville, 1982)

#### Brazil v Eire

Played 2; won 2; drawn 0; lost 0.

Biggest win: 7-0 (Uberlandia, 1982)

## I'm missing the game of a lifetime'

— Peter Nicholas

his country have a 50-50 chance of beating the brilliant Brazilians:

"We'll be going out there to win the game. It would be a tremendous feather in our cap if we could produce some sort of a result.

"The main advantage of playing a team like Brazil is the experience it will give our players. I'm sure they will learn a lot from the occasion."



Peter Nicholas: "Wales stand a 50-50 chance of beating Brazil".

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# FOCUS ON TERRY BUTCHER

## Ipswich Town and England

**FULL NAME:** Terry Ian Butcher.  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Singapore/December 28, 1958.  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6ft 4ins/14st 4lbs.  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Rita.  
**CHILDREN:** A son, Christopher (1).  
**CAR:** Vauxhall Astra estate.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None.  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** Student.  
**NICKNAME AT CLUB:** 'Lofty' or 'Basil'.  
**WORST EVER INJURY:** Broken nose and two fractured cheekbones.  
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:** Manchester United and England captain Bryan Robson — best all-round player.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Liverpool.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Frans Thijssen — skilful and unique.  
**BEST CURRENT BRITISH TEAM:** Shilton, Burley, Hansen, Thompson, Sansom, Wark, Souness, Robson, Dalglish, Rush, Robertson.  
**CURRENT INTERNATIONAL XI:** Shilton, Gerets, Cabrini, Falcao, Junior, Zico, Robson, Rossi, Rumannigge, Maradona, Blokhin.  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Anfield.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Bernabeu (Madrid).  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** My debut for Ipswich against Everton on April 15, 1978.  
**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** Playing for England in the 1982 World Cup.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Not going further in above competition.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Golf, snooker, squash and fishing.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Home cooking and summer holidays.  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Rude, arrogant people, gardening and washing the car.  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Minder.  
**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** Coronation Street.  
**FAVOURITE READING:** Most fiction books.  
**FAVOURITE POP GROUP:** Dire Straits.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** 'Toad in the hole'.  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Milk and tea.  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** America.

*Below: Terry's best friend — Ipswich team-mate Russell Osman.*

**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** George Kennedy and Sir Laurence Olivier.  
**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** *Omen II*.  
**BEST FRIEND:** Russell Osman.  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Parents, my wife and all at Ipswich Town.  
**WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Cheats and arrogant people.  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** Too many to name.  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Scrambled eggs.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Thirteen full caps, 1 B cap, 7 Under-21 caps.

**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To win more caps and enjoy life to the full.  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** As above and to put something back into the game.  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** Perhaps coaching.  
**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Ipswich's Trevor Putney.  
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:** My future grandson or next child.  
**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:** Listen and take in all advice and try to enjoy your football.

*Terry Butcher*

